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Alessandro Zanaboni

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alzanab@tin.it

**Contact ID:**

121-446

**Interaction History**

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**E-mail received from Contact Alessandro Zanaboni on January 25 2004, 04:48 PM**

**From:** Alessandro Zanaboni  
**To:** Comments, DOT; agsec@usda.gov; Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov  
**Date:** Sunday, January 25, 2004 04:57 PM  
**Subject:** Animal incidents on airlines

Congress passed a law in April 2000 requiring airlines to report incidents of loss, injury or death to animals during commercial flights -- rather than just as lost baggage -- and requiring the Dept. of Transportation (DOT) to make these reports public on a monthly basis. After publishing a draft and receiving thousands of letters from the public, DOT issued its "final" rule in August to implement this reporting requirement. Although DOT unfortunately decided on a narrow definition of "animal" (only covering companion animals), these reports will allow people to better gauge an airline's track record before deciding whether to fly their companion animals in cargo holds and, we hope, make airlines more careful.

Nearly four years after the bill passed Congress, the final rule has not yet taken effect, thanks to agency foot-dragging and a lack of communication between DOT, the Department of Agriculture (USDA), and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to resolve minor details. It's time they finish the rule and begin reporting on animal incidents as the law demands and the public expects. I am writing to urge you to wrap up the process immediately so that airlines are more accountable for the treatment of animals in their care.

Sincerely,

Alessandro Zanaboni

Via Treccani degli Alfieri, 10

20141 Milan

Italy

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## Interaction 160-594

### Contact

**Contact Name:** carsondpm@aol.com  
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**Contact ID:** 121-443

### Interaction History

E-mail received from Contact [carsondpm@aol.com](mailto:carsondpm@aol.com) on January 25 2004, 04:33 PM

**From:** carsondpm@aol.com  
**To:** Comments, DOT; agesec@usda.gov; Animal.transport.rule@lmb.eop.gov  
**Date:** Sunday, January 25, 2004 04:40 PM  
**Subject:** Animal Incidents on Airlines

Dear Honorable Mineta, Honorable Veneman, Honorable Bolton.

I am writing to urge that there be completion of the process whereby airlines must report to the public about losses or injuries to animals during commercial flights. Only when this information is public will we have a way of knowing which airlines are safe responsible transporters of our pets.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Denise Carson

Purchase, NY

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**From:** DotComments  
**To:** carsondpm@aol.com  
**Date:** Sunday, January 25, 2004 04:33 PM  
**Subject:** {BTSTL#160-594}Animal Incidents on Airlines

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## Interaction 160-284

### Contact

**Contact Name:** Tara E  
**E-mail Address:** lirl2002@yahoo.com  
**Contact ID:** 121-273

### Interaction History

#### **E-mail received from Contact Tara E on January 23 2004, 10:18 PM**

**From:** Tara E  
**To:** Comments, DOT; agsec@usda.gov; Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov  
**Date:** Friday, January 23, 2004 10:25 PM  
**Subject:** animals on commercial flights

Dear sir or madam:

Congress passed a law in April 2000 requiring airlines to report incidents of loss, injury or death to animals during commercial flights -- rather than just as lost baggage -- and requiring the Dept. of Transportation (DOT) to make these reports public on a monthly basis.

Nearly four years after the bill passed Congress, the final rule has not yet taken effect, thanks to agency foot-dragging and a lack of communication between DOT, the Department of Agriculture (USDA), and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to resolve minor details. It's time you finish the rule and begin reporting on animal incidents as the law demands and the public expects. I urge you to wrap up the process immediately so that airlines are more accountable for the treatment of animals in their care.

Thank you for your time.  
Tara Edlund  
Crystal, MN

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## Interaction 159-986

### Contact

**Contact Name:** Rennerwolf@aol.com  
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**Contact ID:** 121-085

### Interaction History

**E-mail received from Contact Rennerwolf@aol.com on January 22 2004, 10:45 PM**

**From:** Rennerwolf@aol.com  
**To:** Comments, DOT; agsec@usda.gov; Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov  
**Date:** Thursday, January 22, 2004 10:52 PM  
**Subject:** Care for animals in the air!

The Honorable Norman Mineta, Secretary of Transportation  
The Honorable Ann Veneman, Secretary of Agriculture  
The Honorable Joshua Bolton, Director, Office of Management and Budget

I am writing to urge each of you to do all that you can to put into full effect the law requiring airlines to report all incidents regarding animals on their flights immediately. It has been nearly 4 years since the law has been passed and the airlines are still not required to report this information.

I fly often with my dog across the country and would find it most interesting and useful if I knew a particular airlines track record when it comes to handling animals as live cargo. Just this last Christmas, I flew into Salt Lake City via Delta and upon arrival they told me that they had lost my dog and that their was NOTHING that they could do to help me. After hours and hours of heartache and finally some help from a supervisor, we found out that she had been shipped off to another city and eventually ended up at our final destination. This was a heartwrenching experience and I don't feel that the airlines took the proper responsibility. Events such as this should be reported for public record. Please put this law into action right away!

Renee Van Camp  
Missoula, Montana

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**Interaction 159-951****Contact**

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<b>Contact ID:</b>	121-057

**Interaction History****E-mail received from Contact icon on January 22 2004, 08:23 PM**

<b>From:</b>	icon
<b>To:</b>	Comments, DOT
<b>Date:</b>	Thursday, January 22, 2004 08:28 PM
<b>Subject:</b>	AUSTRALIANS ASK FOR JUSTICE FOR ANIMALS

I know that four years have passed since Congress enacted a bill to implement protective measures for traveling companion animals. The law requires airlines to publicly disclose the loss, injury or death of animals aboard commercial flights.

The reporting requirement was supposed to take effect in August 2000. Yet due to delays and limited exchange between DOT, the Dept. of Agriculture, and the Office of Management and Budget, the law sits on a shelf gathering dust.

It is time for airlines to report trauma to animals on a monthly basis, as stipulated in the rule. The public has a right to assess an airline's history. The USDA should check all reports for violations of the Animal Welfare Act.

Every year an estimated 5,000 animals wind up lost, wounded or dead due to extreme temperatures, poor ventilation, or rough treatment during transport in cargo holds. The Calk family's ordeal began when American Airlines told them their golden retriever Jed "was not ready yet" after a flight from Newark to Los Angeles. After twenty minutes Jed was returned unconscious and soaked in urine, feces and vomit. He later died from suffocation due to oxygen deficiency during the flight.

When the Anzalones inquired about their boxer Enzo on a flight from St.

Louis to Ft. Lauderdale, they were told:  
"Enzo is smiling and drinking water." In fact, Enzo had already died. An autopsy indicated heat stress as the cause of death.

There is no excuse for one more Jed or Enzo. At the very least, airlines should be held responsible for these tragedies.

Please finalize the rule now. I also encourage you to expand its definition of "animal" to encompass any species en route to research laboratories, zoos or other facilities. The airlines need a system of accountability that prompts them to treat living beings humanely--rather than reduce them to lost or damaged baggage.

Thank you,

MR & MRS T B ROBINSON  
PO BOX 1179  
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AUSTRALIA

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**From:** DotComments  
**To:** Icon  
**Date:** Thursday, January 22, 2004 08:23 PM  
**Subject:** {BTSTL#159-951}AUSTRALIANS ASK FOR JUSTICE FOR ANIMALS

Dear DOT Customer:

Thank you for contacting the Department of Transportation. Your email has been forwarded to the National Transportation Library Reference Service in the Bureau of Transportation Statistics. This is to acknowledge that we received your email message on Jan 22 2004 8:23PM. Your tracking number for this inquiry is 159951 .

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Sincerely,

Reference Service Staff  
National Transportation Library  
Bureau of Transportation Statistics  
U.S. Department of Transportation

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**Interaction 159-721****Contact**

**Contact Name:** liannamf79@netzero.net  
**E-mail Address:** liannamf79@netzero.net  
**Contact ID:** 120-882

**Interaction History**

**E-mail received from Contact [liannamf79@netzero.net](mailto:liannamf79@netzero.net) on January 22 2004, 10:04 AM**

**From:** liannamf79@netzero.net  
**To:** Comments, DOT  
**Date:** Thursday, January 22, 2004 10:10 AM  
**Subject:**

Dear Mr. Mineta, Ms. Veneman and Mr. Bolton:

I am writing in regards to protective measures for companion animals traveling with their guardians on airlines. Four years have passed since Congress enacted a bill to implement protective measures for traveling companion animals. The law requires airlines to publicly disclose the loss, injury or death of animals aboard commercial flights.

The reporting requirement was supposed to take effect in August 2000. Yet due to delays and limited exchange between DOT, the Dept. of Agriculture, and the Office of Management and Budget, the law sits on a shelf gathering dust.

It is time for airlines to report trauma to animals on a monthly basis, as stipulated in the rule. The public has a right to assess an airline's history. The USDA should check all reports for violations of the Animal Welfare Act.

Every year an estimated 5,000 animals wind up lost, wounded or dead due to extreme temperatures, poor ventilation, or rough treatment during transport in cargo holds. The Calk family's ordeal began when American Airlines told them their golden retriever Jed "was not ready yet" after a flight from Newark to Los Angeles. After twenty minutes Jed was returned unconscious and soaked in urine, feces and vomit. He later died from suffocation due to oxygen deficiency during the flight.

Another horror case: when the Anzalone's asked about their boxer, Enzo on a flight from St. Louis to Ft. Lauderdale, they were told: "Enzo is smiling and drinking water." In fact, Enzo had already died. An autopsy indicated heat stress as the cause of death.

To date, there are so many tragic endings from companion animals on airlines. I would never in a million years trust any of my cats to be safe on any airline period. If I had to experience the loss of my pet because the airlines didn't care properly for her, I would make a huge scene in that airports terminal and demand that something be done. Animals are not replaceable; they are not lost luggage with clothes that you can go and purchase again, they are true members of the family. I compare this to saying you lost my child on the flight, my cats are my children and I would only expect the best. To this date, if I had to fly with my cats, I would only use the pet friendly airline, where I can be assured that they are OK, since they can either travel under your seat, or for big dogs can travel in the back, not underneath where people sit. This new and wonderful airline is called Companion Air, in case you have not heard of it yet. They are still working on adding more flights to accommodate others around the U.S. There is no excuse for any more of these tragic insitences. At the very least, airlines should be held responsible for these tragedies and admit their wrongdoing to the public and the animals guardian.

I am asking for you to please finalize the rule now. I also encourage you to expand its definition of "animal" to encompass any species en route to research laboratories, zoos or other facilities. The airlines need a system of accountability that prompts them to treat living beings humanely, rather than reduce them to the status of lost or damaged baggage.

Sincerely,  
Lianna Fielder

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**From:** DotComments  
**To:** liannamf79@netzero.net  
**Date:** Thursday, January 22, 2004 10:04 AM  
**Subject:** {BTSTL#159-721}

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**Interaction 160-650****Contact**

**Contact Name:** Sara V Pic  
**E-mail Address:** pic.s@neu.edu  
**Contact ID:** 121-478

**Interaction History**

**E-mail received from Contact Sara V Pic on January 25 2004, 10:33 PM**

**From:** Sara V Pic  
**To:** Comments, DOT; agsec@usda.gov; Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov  
**Date:** Sunday, January 25, 2004 10:42 PM  
**Subject:** Animal Transport

Congress passed a law in April 2000 requiring airlines to report incidents of loss, injury or death to animals during commercial flights -- rather than just as lost baggage ? and requiring the Dept. of Transportation (DOT) to make these reports public on a monthly basis. Nearly four years after the bill passed Congress, the final rule has still not yet taken effect. Please-- wrap up the process immediately so that airlines are more accountable for the treatment of animals in their care.

Thank you.

Sara Pic  
158 South St #1L  
Jamaica Plain, MA 02130

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**Interaction 160-648****Contact**

**Contact Name:** David Godin  
**E-mail Address:** dgstarks@hotmail.com  
**Contact ID:** 121-476

**Interaction History****E-mail received from Contact David Godin on January 25 2004, 09:33 PM**

**From:** David Godin  
**To:** Comments, DOT  
**Date:** Sunday, January 25, 2004 09:40 PM  
**Subject:** Airline bill...

Dear Honorable Norman Mineta, Secretary of Transportation,

Please push the bill passed in April of 2000 that will hold the airline companies more accountable for the treatment of animals in their care. This law is of utmost importance for those helpless animals who are at the whim of the airline company. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

David Godin  
29 Deer Drive  
Sound Beach, NY 11789

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**Interaction 160-430****Contact**

**Contact Name:** The Marshall Family  
**E-mail Address:** mtalk@sbcglobal.net  
**Contact ID:** 062-367

**Interaction History****E-mail received from Contact The Marshall Family on January 24 2004, 01:43 PM**

**From:** The Marshall Family  
**To:** Comments, DOT; agsec@usda.gov; animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov  
**Date:** Saturday, January 24, 2004 01:48 PM  
**Subject:** VERY IMPORTANT-Animal Accidents on Airlines

January 24, 2004 Saturday  
TIME CRUCIAL - VERY IMPORTANT

I am writing about animal accidents on airlines and the lack of animal accidents still not being reported. Recently, I heard that a law was passed by Congress in April of 2000 requiring airlines to report incidents of loss, injury or death to animals during commercial flights - rather than just as lost baggage - and requiring the Department of Transportation (DOT) to make these reports PUBLIC on a monthly basis, still has NOT yet taken effect. This is disturbing.

This Rule needs to be finished and reports on animal incidents as the law demands and the public expects needs to be made - soon. I sometimes travel by airplane, but I will not take my pets (2 dogs) on an airline. Thank you for taking the time to read this letter on this very important issue. Your help is greatly needed - now. I hope that you receive this letter. All animals are God's creatures. All animals have both physical and emotional feelings. All animals can feel pain, stress and fear. Please help to save and protect God's creatures and their environment. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
a supporter of THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES,  
Lisa Marshall (age 34)  
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HOUSTON, Texas 77070  
my email: [mtalk@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mtalk@sbcglobal.net)  
my home # 281-376-0155

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**Interaction 160-188****Contact**

**Contact Name:** Sarah Mitchem  
**E-mail Address:** scoopsable@hotmail.com  
**Contact ID:** 121-214

**Interaction History**

**E-mail received from Contact Sarah Mitchem on January 23 2004, 03:18 PM**

**From:** Sarah Mitchem  
**To:** Comments, DOT  
**Date:** Friday, January 23, 2004 03:26 PM  
**Subject:** airline responsibility

Dear Honorable Norman Mineta;

I am writing this e-mail to please urge you to make the airlines more accountable for the animals in their care. The public has the right to expect animals to be treated carefully while in the care of the airlines. Many of us would base our airline carrier choice solely on the statistics of which ones provide the best transportation for animals. Without the knowledge being readily available to the public, we are essentially risking the health of our animals any time we chose to fly them. For me, risking my animals means I am risking family members. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,  
Sarah Mitchem

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**Interaction 160-150****Contact****Contact****Name:****E-mail Address:****Contact ID:****Interaction History****E-mail received from Contact marianne panes on January 23 2004, 12:48 PM**

**From:** marianne panes  
**To:** Comments, DOT  
**Date:** Friday, January 23, 2004 12:57 PM  
**Subject:** Airline accountability with animal passengers

Dear Secretary Mineta,

Congress passed a law in April 2000 requiring airlines to report incidents of loss, injury, or death to requirement. Nearly four years after the bill was passed by Congress, the final rule has not yet taken effect.

I urge you to complete this process immediately so that airlines are more accountable for the treatment of passengers.

Sincerely,

Marianne Panes

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**From:** DotComments  
**To:** marianne panes  
**Date:** Friday, January 23, 2004 12:48 PM

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**Interaction 160-071****Contact**

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**E-mail Address:** Colliesheparott@aol.com  
**Contact ID:** 121-134

**Interaction History****E-mail received from Contact Colliesheparott@aol.com on January 23 2004, 09:38 AM**

**From:** Colliesheparott@aol.com  
**To:** Comments, DOT; agsec@usda.gov; animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov  
**Date:** Friday, January 23, 2004 09:47 AM  
**Subject:** protection for animals on airlines

Nearly 4 years have passed since Congress passed its final ruling regarding the reporting of loss, injury and death of animals during commercial flights - yet this ruling has yet to be implemented.

The importance of this issue which prompted the ruling in the first place has not, by any means, lessened! The public has a right to know and the airlines have the responsibility to be accountable for, the thousands of animals whose lives are compromised in any way each year on commercial flights in the US.

By enforcing this ruling, you hold the airlines accountable for their current practices and you in fact force them to become more cognizant of this problem and to explore ways to eliviate the problems, thus benefiting all of the animals who are packed onto jets in this country.

I strongly encourage all of you to do whatever is necessary in each of your capacities to see to it that this ruling takes effect immediately.

Respectfully,  
Cheryl Adam  
Merrillville, IN

**Assigned to (None) by System on January 23 2004, 09:38 AM**

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## Interaction 159-821

### Contact

**Contact Name:** morray cohen  
**E-mail Address:** golfrunner14@hotmail.com  
**Contact ID:** 120-944

### Interaction History

#### E-mail received from Contact morray cohen on January 22 2004, 01:45 PM

**From:** morray cohen  
**To:** Comments, DOT; agsec@usda.gov  
**Date:** Thursday, January 22, 2004 01:40 PM  
**Subject:** Transportation of animals

I am writing to ask you to require the airlines to support reporting incidents of loss, injury or death to animals during commercial flights.

The public should be able to decide which airlines are behaving responsibly. This will make the airlines more careful when shipping animals. Thank you.

M Booth Cohen, 304 27 Street, Brigantine, NJ 08203

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**From:** DotComments  
**To:** morray cohen  
**Date:** Thursday, January 22, 2004 01:45 PM  
**Subject:** {BTSTL# 159-821}Transportation of animals

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**Interaction 159-808****Contact**

**Contact Name:** jimbradbury  
**E-mail Address:** jimbradbury@snet.net  
**Contact ID:** 120-936

**Interaction History****E-mail received from Contact jimbradbury on January 22 2004, 12:58 PM**

**From:** jimbradbury  
**To:** Comments, DOT  
**Date:** Thursday, January 22, 2004 01:07 PM  
**Subject:** Animal Transportation Reporting

Dear Mr. Mineta,

It has been nearly four years since congress passed the bill requiring airlines to report animal incidents thus providing the public with the ability to make informed decisions about which airline to trust their animals to. I find it deplorable that the DOT has still yet to enact the rule and effect a change in the reporting mechanism. As a taxpayer, when I hear of situations like this I am incensed at the incompetence of the federal government to accomplish even the simplest of tasks aimed at providing the public (to whom you are responsible) the protection it deserves. Get this rule enacted and stop providing the public with more reason to distrust and dislike our government. Get off your rump and accomplish something.

James E. Bradbury  
33 Wanda Lane  
Middletown, CT 06457

**Assigned to (None) by System on January 22 2004, 12:58 PM****Auto acknowledgement sent on January 22 2004, 12:58 PM**

**From:** DotComments  
**To:** jimbradbury

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**Interaction 159-805****Contact**

**Contact Name:** charp@clayton.k12.ga.us  
**E-mail Address:** charp@clayton.k12.ga.us  
**Contact ID:** 120-934

**Interaction History**

**E-mail received from Contact charp@clayton.k12.ga.us on January 22 2004, 12:53 PM**

**From:** charp@clayton.k12.ga.us  
**To:** Comments, DOT  
**Date:** Thursday, January 22, 2004 01:01 PM  
**Subject:** Animal Incidents should be reported

Dear Honorable Norman Mineta,

My name is Christi Harp and I am a media specialist in suburban Atlanta, Georgia. I have a dog and I care about animals a great deal. I am writing you to ask that you work to get animal incidents (loss, injury, death) reported on a monthly basis. This law was passed by Congress four years ago but it is still not being done.

Please resolve the lack of communication between the DOT, USDA, and OMB.

Thank you,  
Christi Harp  
678-480-7274

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**Interaction 159-799****Contact**

**Contact Name:** Barbara Holtz  
**E-mail Address:** barbaraholtz@paulhastings.com  
**Contact ID:** 038-726

**Interaction History****E-mail received from Contact Barbara Holtz on January 22 2004, 12:43 PM**

**From:** Barbara Holtz  
**To:** Comments, DOT; 'agsec@usda.gov'; 'Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov'  
**Date:** Thursday, January 22, 2004 12:48 PM  
**Subject:** Animals on Commercial Airlines

Congress passed a law in April 2000 requiring airlines to report incidents of loss, injury or death to animals during commercial flights -- rather than just as lost baggage - and requiring the Dept. of Transportation (DOT) to make these reports public on a monthly basis. After publishing a draft and receiving thousands of letters from the public, DOT issued its "final" rule in August to implement this reporting requirement. Although DOT unfortunately decided on a narrow definition of "animal" (only covering companion animals), these reports will allow people to better gauge an airline's track record before deciding whether to fly their companion animals in cargo holds and, we hope, make airlines more careful.

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I write to urge you to wrap up this process immediately so that airlines are more accountable for the treatment of animals in their care. Please let us treat all animals humanely.

Thank you for your consideration.

Barbara Holtz  
245 E. 25th St.  
NY, NY 10010

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## Interaction 159-775

### Contact

**Contact Name:** PaigeStvns3@netscape.net  
**E-mail Address:** PaigeStvns3@netscape.net  
**Contact ID:** 120-913

### Interaction History

E-mail received from Contact PaigeStvns3@netscape.net on January 22 2004, 11:23 AM

**From:** PaigeStvns3@netscape.net  
**To:** Comments, DOT; agsec@usda.gov; Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov  
**Date:** Thursday, January 22, 2004 11:32 AM  
**Subject:** Airline reporting

The Honorable Norman Mineta, Secretary of Transportation,  
The Honorable Ann Veneman, Secretary of Agriculture,  
The Honorable Joshua Bolton, Director, Office of Management and Budget:

After reading on HUMANELines the stalled status of the bill passed in Congress four years ago, I'm urging you to do all you can to wrap up the process immediately so that airlines are more accountable for the treatment of animals in their care. Reporting on animal incidents while under the care of the airlines is a crucial step in improving the treatment beloved pets deserve.

Thank you for your immediate assistance with resolving this necessary and important matter.

Peggy Sibila  
Columbus OH

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**Interaction 159-710****Contact**

**Contact Name:** SadistikZombie69@aol.com  
**E-mail Address:** SadistikZombie69@aol.com  
**Contact ID:** 120-871

**Interaction History**

**E-mail received from Contact SadistikZombie69@aol.com on January 22 2004, 10:03 AM**

**From:** SadistikZombie69@aol.com  
**To:** Comments, DOT  
**Date:** Thursday, January 22, 2004 10:10 AM  
**Subject:** Animal Incidents on Airlines

Nearly four years after the bill passed Congress, the final rule has not yet taken effect, thanks to agency foot-dragging and a lack of communication between DOT, the Department of Agriculture (USDA), and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to resolve minor details. It's time to finish the rule and begin reporting on animal incidents as the law demands and the public expects. I urge you to wrap up the process immediately so that airlines are more accountable for the treatment of animals in their care. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Kevin Crawford  
Greer, SC

**Assigned to (None) by System on January 22 2004, 10:03 AM**

**Auto acknowledgement sent on January 22 2004, 10:03 AM**



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## Interaction 159-708

### Contact

**Contact Name:** Carl Cording  
**E-mail Address:** cordingc@mail.strose.edu  
**Contact ID:** 037-885

### Interaction History

#### E-mail received from Contact Carl Cording on January 22 2004, 10:03 AM

**From:** Carl Cording  
**To:** Comments, DOT; agsec@usda.gov; Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov  
**Date:** Thursday, January 22, 2004 10:10 AM  
**Subject:** ANIMAL INCIDENTS ON AIRLINES STILL NOT BEING REPORTED

Dear Sirs, Madam:

Congress passed a law in April 2000 requiring airlines to report incidents of loss, injury or death to animals during commercial flights -- rather than just as lost baggage -- and requiring the Dept. of Transportation (DOT) to make these reports public on a monthly basis. After publishing a draft and receiving thousands of letters from the public, DOT issued its "final" rule in August to implement this reporting requirement. Although DOT unfortunately decided on a narrow definition of "animal" (only covering companion animals), these reports will allow people to better gauge an airline's track record before deciding whether to fly their companion animals in cargo holds and, we hope, make airlines more careful. Nearly four years after the bill passed Congress, the final rule has not yet taken effect, thanks to agency foot-dragging and a lack of communication between DOT, the Department of Agriculture (USDA), and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to resolve minor details. It's time they finish the rule and begin reporting on animal incidents as the law demands and the public expects. Please wrap up the process immediately so that airlines are more accountable for the treatment of animals in their care.

Thank you.

Carl Cording

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**From:** DotComments  
**To:** Carl Cording  
**Date:** Thursday, January 22, 2004 10:03 AM  
**Subject:** {BTSTL#159-708}ANIMAL INCIDENTS ON AIRLINES STILL NOT BEING REPORTED

Dear DOT Customer:

Thank you for contacting the Department of Transportation. Your email has been forwarded to the National Transportation Library Reference Service in the Bureau of Transportation Statistics. This is to acknowledge that we received your email message on Jan 22 2004 10:03AM. Your tracking number for this inquiry is 159708 .

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Sincerely,

Reference Service Staff  
National Transportation Library  
Bureau of Transportation Statistics  
U.S. Department of Transportation

-----Original Message-----

From: Carl Cording [[cordingc@mail.stose.edu](mailto:cordingc@mail.stose.edu)]  
Sent: Thursday, Jan 22 2004 10:10AM  
To: Comments, DOT [[DOT.Comments@ost.dot.gov](mailto:DOT.Comments@ost.dot.gov)]; [agsec@usda.gov](mailto:agsec@usda.gov) [[agsec@usda.gov](mailto:agsec@usda.gov)];  
[Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov](mailto:Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov) [[Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov](mailto:Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov)]  
Subject: ANIMAL INCIDENTS ON AIRLINES STILL NOT BEING REPORTED

Dear Sirs, Madam:

## Interaction 159-619

### Contact

**Contact Name:** Heiko Schiemann  
**E-mail Address:** puenzelchen@web.de  
**Contact ID:** 120-811

### Interaction History

#### E-mail received from Contact Heiko Schiemann on January 21 2004, 01:23 PM

**From:** Heiko Schiemann  
**To:** agsec@usda.gov; Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov; Comments, DOT  
**Date:** Wednesday, January 21, 2004 01:30 PM  
**Subject:** Re: U.S. Rule For Animals On Planes Still In Limbo

"Stephanie Johanna Goldbach" <Hefflein@gmx.de> schrieb am 20.01.04 09:56:15:

>  
 > Dear Mr. Mineta, Ms. Veneman and Mr. Bolton:  
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 > Four years have passed since Congress enacted a bill to implement protective  
 > measures for traveling companion animals. The law requires airlines to  
 > publicly disclose the loss, injury or death of animals aboard commercial  
 > flights.  
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 > The reporting requirement was supposed to take effect in August 2000. Yet  
 > due to delays and limited exchange between DOT, the Dept. of Agriculture,  
 > and the Office of Management and Budget, the law sits on a shelf gathering  
 > dust.  
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 > It is time for airlines to report trauma to animals on a monthly basis, as  
 > stipulated in the rule. The public has a right to assess an airline's  
 > history. The USDA should check all reports for violations of the Animal  
 > Welfare Act.  
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 > Every year an estimated 5,000 animals wind up lost, wounded or dead due to  
 > extreme temperatures, poor ventilation, or rough treatment during transport  
 > in cargo holds. The Calk family's ordeal began when American Airlines told

> them their golden retriever Jed "was not ready yet" after a flight from  
 > Newark to Los Angeles. After twenty minutes Jed was returned unconscious and  
 > soaked in urine, feces and vomit. He later died from suffocation due to  
 > oxygen deficiency during the flight.  
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 > When the Anzalones inquired about their boxer Enzo on a flight from St.  
 > Louis to Ft. Lauderdale, they were told:  
 > "Enzo is smiling and drinking water." In fact, Enzo had already died. An  
 > autopsy indicated heat stress as the cause of death.  
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 > There is no excuse for one more Jed or Enzo. At the very least, airlines  
 > should be held responsible for these tragedies.  
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 > Please finalize the rule now. I also encourage you to expand its definition  
 > of "animal" to encompass any species en route to research laboratories, zoos  
 > or other facilities. The airlines need a system of accountability that  
 > prompts them to treat living beings humanely--rather than reduce them to  
 > lost or damaged baggage.  
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 > With kind regards,  
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 Heike Hansen-Schiemann

Merkurweg 12 b

45478 Mülheim

Germany

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**From:** DotComments  
**To:** Heiko Schiemann  
**Date:** Wednesday, January 21, 2004 01:23 PM  
**Subject:** {BTSTL#159-619}U.S. Rule For Animals On Planes Still In Limbo

## Interaction 159-605

### Contact

**Contact Name:** Patricia Mathis  
**E-mail Address:** Patricia.Mathis@clamericas.com  
**Contact ID:** 120-802

### Interaction History

#### E-mail received from Contact Patricia Mathis on January 21 2004, 12:45 PM

**From:** Patricia Mathis  
**To:** Comments, DOT  
**Date:** Wednesday, January 21, 2004 12:45 PM  
**Subject:** For the Attention of: The Honorable Norman Mineta, Secretary of Transportation

Dear Mr. Mineta:

I have two cats, Turbo and Cooper, whom I love dearly. I plan on travelling frequently by air in the next few years and intend to bring them with me. It is therefore very important to me that I know beforehand the history/record of the airline to whom I entrust them. I refuse to leave my precious pets with anyone who does not take this responsibility very, very seriously.

It is for this reason that I am contacting you. A law was passed in April 2000 requiring airlines to report incidents of loss, injury or death to animals during commercial flights and requiring the Dept. of Transportation (DOT) to make these reports public on a monthly basis. DOT issued its final rule in August to implement this reporting requirement. These reports will allow me as a consumer to better gauge an airline's track record before deciding whether to fly my pets in their cargo holds.

Unfortunately, the final rule has not yet taken effect. It's time to finish the rule and begin reporting on animal incidents as the law demands and I, as a member of the public, expects. Please work to finalize the process immediately so that airlines are more accountable for the treatment of animals in their care.

Yours truly,  
Patricia Mathis  
608 Rensselaer Avenue

Staten Island, NY 10312

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**Interaction 159-551****Contact**

**Contact Name:** Jen McCreary  
**E-mail Address:** jen\_mccreary@hotmail.com  
**Contact ID:** 051-879

**Interaction History****E-mail received from Contact Jen McCreary on January 21 2004, 10:03 AM**

**From:** Jen McCreary  
**To:** Comments, DOT; agsec@usda.gov; Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov  
**Date:** Wednesday, January 21, 2004 10:11 AM  
**Subject:** finish the rule and begin reporting on animal incidents

Nearly four years after the bill passed Congress, the final rule has not yet taken effect, thanks to a lack of communication between DOT, the Department of Agriculture (USDA), and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to resolve minor details. It's time to finish the rule and begin reporting on animal demands and the public expects. Wrap up the process immediately so that airlines are more aware of the treatment of animals in their care.

*Jen McCreary  
12201-M Saint Peter Ct.  
Germantown, MD 20874 USA*

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**- Nahman of Bratslav, "Likute Moharan"**

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## Interaction 159-474

### Contact

**Contact Name:** Jon Hatanpa  
**E-mail Address:** JHatanpa@ll.doc.state.mn.us  
**Contact ID:** 120-712

### Interaction History

**E-mail received from Contact Jon Hatanpa on January 21 2004, 02:45 AM**

**From:** Jon Hatanpa  
**To:** Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov; Comments, DOT; agsec@usda.gov  
**Date:** Wednesday, January 21, 2004 02:49 AM  
**Subject:** Animals

Dear Mr. Mineta, Ms. Veneman and Mr. Bolton:

Four years have passed since Congress enacted a bill to implement protective measures for traveling companion animals. The law requires airlines to publicly disclose the loss, injury or death of animals aboard commercial flights.

The reporting requirement was supposed to take effect in August 2000. Yet due to delays and limited exchange between DOT, the Dept. of Agriculture, and the Office of Management and Budget, the law sits on a shelf gathering dust.

It is time for airlines to report trauma to animals on a monthly basis, as stipulated in the rule. The public has a right to assess an airline's history. The USDA should check all reports for violations of the Animal Welfare Act.



Every year an estimated 5,000 animals wind up lost, wounded or dead due to extreme temperatures, poor ventilation, or rough treatment during transport in cargo holds. The Calk family's ordeal began when American Airlines told them their golden retriever Jed "was not ready yet" after a flight from Newark to Los Angeles. After twenty minutes Jed was returned unconscious and soaked in urine, feces and vomit. He later died from suffocation due to oxygen deficiency during the flight.

When the Anzalones inquired about their boxer Enzo on a flight from St. Louis to Ft. Lauderdale, they were told: "Enzo is smiling and drinking water." In fact, Enzo had already died. An autopsy indicated heat stress as the cause of death.

There is no excuse for one more Jed or Enzo. At the very least, airlines should be held responsible for these tragedies.

Please finalize the rule now. I also encourage you to expand its definition of "animal" to encompass any species en route to research laboratories, zoos or other facilities. The airlines need a system of accountability that prompts them to treat living beings humanely--rather than reduce them to lost or damaged baggage.

Thank you,  
Jon Hatanpa  
1001 SW 7th Ave. #212  
Forest Lake, MN 55025-3718

**Assigned to (None) by System on January 21 2004, 02:45 AM**

**Auto acknowledgement sent on January 21 2004, 02:45 AM**

**From:** DotComments  
**To:** Jon Hatanpa

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**Interaction 159-442****Contact**

**Contact Name:** Cliff Simpson  
**E-mail Address:** cliff.simpson@attglobal.net  
**Contact ID:** 120-695

**Interaction History**

**E-mail received from Contact Cliff Simpson on January 20 2004, 10:33 PM**

**From:** Cliff Simpson  
**To:** Comments, DOT  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 20, 2004 10:43 PM  
**Subject:** please help airlines be more accountable for the treatment of animals in their care

January 20, 2004

The Honorable Norman Mineta, Secretary of Transportation  
E-mail: [dot.comments@ost.dot.gov](mailto:dot.comments@ost.dot.gov)  
Phone: 202-366-1111  
Fax: 202-366-7202

Dear Your Honor,

In April of 2000, Congress passed a law requiring airlines to report incidents of loss, injury or death to animals during commercial flights -- rather than just as lost baggage - and requiring the Dept. of Transportation (DOT) to make these reports public on a monthly basis.

After publishing a draft and receiving thousands of letters from the public, DOT issued its "final" rule in August to implement this reporting requirement. Although DOT unfortunately decided on a narrow definition of "animal" (only covering companion animals), these reports will allow people to better gauge an airline's track record before deciding whether to fly their companion animals in cargo holds and, we hope, make airlines more careful.

(For more information on this rule, see : [www.hsus.org/ace/19581](http://www.hsus.org/ace/19581) .)

Nearly four years after the bill passed Congress, the final rule has not yet taken effect, thanks to agency foot-dragging and a lack of communication between DOT, the Department of Agriculture (USDA), and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to resolve minor details. It's time they finish the rule and begin reporting on animal incidents as the law demands and the public expects.

Please provide any assistance necessary to help wrap up the process immediately so that airlines are more accountable for the treatment of animals in their care. Your efforts are greatly appreciated. Thank you for your time.

With sincerest regards,

Clifford Simpson  
2966 Alex Drive  
Ann Arbor, MI 48103

**Assigned to (None) by System on January 20 2004, 10:33 PM**

**Auto acknowledgement sent on January 20 2004, 10:33 PM**

**From:** DotComments  
**To:** cliff.simpson@attglobal.net  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 20, 2004 10:33 PM  
**Subject:** {BTSTL#159-442}please help airlines be more accountable for the treatment of animals in their care

Dear DOT Customer:

Thank you for contacting the Department of Transportation. Your email has been forwarded to the National Transportation Library Reference Service in the Bureau of Transportation Statistics. This is to acknowledge that we received your email message on Jan 20 2004 10:33PM. Your tracking number for this inquiry is 159442 .

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Sincerely,

Reference Service Staff  
National Transportation Library

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**Interaction 159-437****Contact**

**Contact Name:** Chepurny@aol.com  
**E-mail Address:** Chepurny@aol.com  
**Contact ID:** 120-691

**Interaction History**

**E-mail received from Contact Chepurny@aol.com on January 20 2004, 10:03 PM**

**From:** Chepurny@aol.com  
**To:** Comments, DOT; agsec@usda.gov; Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 20, 2004 10:10 PM  
**Subject:** ANIMAL INCIDENTS ON AIRLINES

Please accept this e mail as a request to wrap up decisions regarding reports of loss, injury or death to animals during commercial flights immediately . Airlines need to be more accountable for the treatment of animals in their care. Four years of foot-dragging and lack of communication between DOT, the Department of Agriculture (USDA), and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to resolve minor details is enough. It's time to finish the rule and begin reporting on animal incidents as the law demands and the public expects.

Thank you for your time.

Katharine Avarese  
216 Osborn St.  
Phila., PA 19128

**Assigned to (None) by System on January 20 2004, 10:03 PM**

**Auto acknowledgement sent on January 20 2004, 10:03 PM**

**From:** DotComments

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**Interaction 159-433****Contact**

**Contact Name:** rnrsherman@patmedia.net  
**E-mail Address:** rnrsherman@patmedia.net  
**Contact ID:** 120-689

**Interaction History**

**E-mail received from Contact [rnrsherman@patmedia.net](mailto:rnrsherman@patmedia.net) on January 20 2004, 09:48 PM**

**From:** rnrsherman@patmedia.net  
**To:** Comments, DOT; agsec@usda.gov; Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 20, 2004 09:56 PM  
**Subject:** Animal Transport on Commercial Flights

Ralph and Rozalyn Sherman

Nearly four years after Congress passed a law requiring airlines to report incidents of loss, injury or death to animals during commercial flights, the final rule has not taken effect.

It is time that the communications issues between DOT, USDA and OMB are resolved and animal incidents are reported as the law requires and the public expect.

I urge you to wrap up the process immediately so tht airlines are more accountable for the treatment of animals in their care.

Thank You!  
Rozalyn Sherman

**Assigned to (None) by System on January 20 2004, 09:48 PM**

**Auto acknowledgement sent on January 20 2004, 09:48 PM**

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## Interaction 159-412

### Contact

**Contact Name:** Tanzerin14@aol.com  
**E-mail Address:** Tanzerin14@aol.com  
**Contact ID:** 120-678

### Interaction History

#### E-mail received from Contact Tanzerin14@aol.com on January 20 2004, 07:08 PM

**From:** Tanzerin14@aol.com  
**To:** Comments, DOT; agsec@usda.gov; Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 20, 2004 07:17 PM  
**Subject:** Animals In-flight

Dear Mr. Mineta, Ms. Veneman and Mr. Bolton:

Four years have passed since Congress enacted a bill to implement protective measures for traveling companion animals. The law requires airlines to publicly disclose the loss, injury or death of animals aboard commercial flights.

The reporting requirement was supposed to take effect in August 2000. Yet due to delays and limited exchange between DOT, the Dept. of Agriculture, and the Office of Management and Budget, the law sits on a shelf gathering dust.

It is time for airlines to report trauma to animals on a monthly basis, as stipulated in the rule. The public has a right to assess an airline's history. The USDA should check all reports for violations of the Animal Welfare Act.

Every year an estimated 5,000 animals wind up lost, wounded or dead due to extreme temperatures, poor ventilation, or rough treatment during transport in cargo holds. The Calk family's ordeal began when American Airlines told them their golden retriever Jed "was not ready yet" after a flight from Newark to Los Angeles. After twenty minutes Jed was returned unconscious and soaked in urine, feces and vomit. He later died from suffocation due to oxygen deficiency during the flight.

When the Anzalones inquired about their boxer Enzo on a flight from St. Louis to Ft. Lauderdale, they were told:

"Enzo is smiling and drinking water." In fact, Enzo had already died. An autopsy indicated heat stress

as the cause of death.

There is no excuse for one more Jed or Enzo. At the very least, airlines should be held responsible for these tragedies.

Please finalize the rule now. I also encourage you to expand its definition of "animal" to encompass any species en route to research laboratories, zoos or other facilities. The airlines need a system of accountability that prompts them to treat living beings humanely--rather than reduce them to lost or damaged baggage.

Thank you,  
Wendy Creasy  
11242 Fall Breeze Drive  
Houston, TX 77064

**Assigned to (None) by System on January 20 2004, 07:08 PM**

**Auto acknowledgement sent on January 20 2004, 07:08 PM**

**From:** DotComments  
**To:** Tanzerin14@aol.com  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 20, 2004 07:08 PM  
**Subject:** {BTSTL#159-412}Animals In-flight

Dear DOT Customer:

Thank you for contacting the Department of Transportation. Your email has been forwarded to the National Transportation Library Reference Service in the Bureau of Transportation Statistics. This is to acknowledge that we received your email message on Jan 20 2004 7:08PM. Your tracking number for this inquiry is 159412 .

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Sincerely,

Reference Service Staff  
National Transportation Library  
Bureau of Transportation Statistics  
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-----Original Message-----

From: [Tanzerin14@aol.com](mailto:Tanzerin14@aol.com) [[Tanzerin14@aol.com](mailto:Tanzerin14@aol.com)]  
Sent: Tuesday, Jan 20 2004 7:17PM

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**Interaction 159-409****Contact**

**Contact Name:** Vstack@aol.com  
**E-mail Address:** Vstack@aol.com  
**Contact ID:** 120-675

**Interaction History**

**E-mail received from Contact Vstack@aol.com on January 20 2004, 06:48 PM**

**From:** Vstack@aol.com  
**To:** Comments, DOT  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 20, 2004 06:56 PM  
**Cc:** Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov  
**Subject:** Animals on Planes

The Honorable Norman Mineta, Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 7th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20590  
ph: 202-366-1111; fax: 202-366-7202; email: dot.comments@ost.dot.gov

The Honorable Ann Veneman, Secretary of Agriculture  
U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, DC 20250  
ph: 202-720-3631; fax: 202-720-2166, 202-720-6314; email: agsec@usda.gov

The Honorable Joshua Bolton, Director  
Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20503  
ph: 202-395-4840; fax: 202-395-3888; email: Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov

Dear Mr. Mineta, Ms. Veneman and Mr. Bolton:

Four years have passed since Congress enacted a bill to implement protective measures for traveling companion animals. The law requires airlines to publicly disclose the loss, injury or death of animals aboard commercial flights.

The reporting requirement was supposed to take effect in August 2000. Yet due to delays and limited exchange between DOT, the Dept. of Agriculture, and the Office of Management and Budget, the law sits on a shelf gathering dust.

It is time for airlines to report trauma to animals on a monthly basis, as stipulated in the rule. The public has a



right to assess an airline's history. The USDA should check all reports for violations of the Animal Welfare Act.

Every year an estimated 5,000 animals wind up lost, wounded or dead due to extreme temperatures, poor ventilation, or rough treatment during transport in cargo holds. There are many, many stories with tragic ends when our pets are disregarded.

Please finalize the rule now. I also encourage you to expand its definition of "animal" to encompass any species en route to research laboratories, zoos or other facilities. The airlines need a system of accountability that prompts them to treat living beings humanely--rather than reduce them to lost or damaged baggage.

Thank you,  
Victoria Stack  
Washington, DC

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**From:** DotComments  
**To:** Vstack@aol.com  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 20, 2004 06:48 PM  
**Subject:** {BTSTL#159-409}Animals on Planes

Dear DOT Customer:

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Sincerely,

Reference Service Staff  
National Transportation Library  
Bureau of Transportation Statistics  
U.S. Department of Transportation

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From: [Vstack@aol.com](mailto:Vstack@aol.com) [[Vstack@aol.com](mailto:Vstack@aol.com)]  
Sent: Tuesday, Jan 20 2004 6:56PM  
To: Comments, DOT [[DOT.Comments@ost.dot.gov](mailto:DOT.Comments@ost.dot.gov)]  
Cc: [Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov](mailto:Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov) [[Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov](mailto:Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov)]

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**Interaction 159-403****Contact**

**Contact Name:** Marlene Goodman  
**E-mail Address:** s-humane@pacbell.net  
**Contact ID:** 120-672

**Interaction History**

**E-mail received from Contact Marlene Goodman on January 20 2004, 06:18 PM**

**From:** Marlene Goodman  
**To:** Comments, DOT  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 20, 2004 06:24 PM  
**Cc:** agsec@usda.gov; Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov  
**Subject:** Airline Reporting

Dear Secretary Mineta:  
Senior Citizens For Humane Legislation and Education is concerned that noone has stepped up to the plate and enforced a rule that was passed by Congress four years ago. As of today, the airlines are no more accountable for the treatment of animals than they were before this law was passed. Please, we urge you to do more about this and make it happen now. Thank you. Please respond!

Marlene Goodman  
President

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**Auto acknowledgement sent on January 20 2004, 06:18 PM**

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**Interaction 159-361****Contact**

**Contact Name:** smoeller  
**E-mail Address:** smoeller@columbus.rr.com  
**Contact ID:** 120-646

**Interaction History**

**E-mail received from Contact smoeller on January 20 2004, 04:33 PM**

**From:** smoeller  
**To:** Comments, DOT  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 20, 2004 04:40 PM  
**Cc:** agsec@usda.gov; Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov  
**Subject:** animal transport

Secretary Mineta, Secretary of Transportation,  
Secretary Veneman, Secretary of Agriculture, and  
Director Bolton:

Since Congress passed a law in April 2000 requiring airlines to report incidents of loss, injury or death to animals during commercial flights and asking the DOT to publicize such reports on a monthly basis, the final rule has still not taken effect. Four years later, I now urge you to speed up process and communication between all parties involved, i.e. the DOT, the USDA, and the OMB so the ruling can be effectively and efficiently executed and airlines are accountable for the treatment of animals in their care.

Thank you for your immediate consideration of my concern,

Dr. S. Moeller  
smoeller@columbus.rr.com

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## Interaction 159-340

### Contact

**Contact Name:** G.D.B.  
**E-mail Address:** sculg@yahoo.de  
**Contact ID:** 120-632

### Interaction History

#### E-mail received from Contact G.D.B. on January 20 2004, 03:43 PM

**From:** G.D.B.  
**To:** Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov; agsec@usda.gov; Comments, DOT  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 20, 2004 03:49 PM  
**Subject:** U.S. Rule For Animals On Planes Still In Limbo

Dear Mr. Mineta, Ms. Veneman and Mr. Bolton:

Four years have passed since Congress enacted a bill to implement protective measures for traveling companion animals. The law requires airlines to publicly disclose the loss, injury or death of animals aboard commercial flights.

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soaked in urine, feces and vomit. He later died from suffocation due to oxygen deficiency during the flight.

When the Anzalones inquired about their boxer Enzo on a flight from St. Louis to Ft. Lauderdale, they were told:

"Enzo is smiling and drinking water." In fact, Enzo had already died. An autopsy indicated heat stress as the cause of death.

There is no excuse for one more Jed or Enzo. At the very least, airlines should be held responsible for these tragedies.

Please finalize the rule now. I also encourage you to expand its definition of "animal" to encompass any species en route to research laboratories, zoos or other facilities. The airlines need ! a system of accountability that prompts them to treat living beings humanely--rather than reduce them to lost or damaged baggage.

With kind regards,

Gianna Di Bella

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**From:** DotComments  
**To:** G.D.B.  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 20, 2004 03:43 PM  
**Subject:** {BTSTL#159-340}U.S. Rule For Animals On Planes Still In Limbo

Dear DOT Customer:

Thank you for contacting the Department of Transportation. Your email has been forwarded to the National Transportation Library Reference Service in the Bureau of Transportation Statistics. This is to acknowledge that we received your email message on Jan 20 2004 3:43PM. Your tracking number for this inquiry is 159340 .

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**Interaction 159-328****Contact**

**Contact Name:** Bothrhodes@aol.com  
**E-mail Address:** Bothrhodes@aol.com  
**Contact ID:** 120-625

**Interaction History**

**E-mail received from Contact Bothrhodes@aol.com on January 20 2004, 03:23 PM**

**From:** Bothrhodes@aol.com  
**To:** Comments, DOT; agesec@usda.gov; Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 20, 2004 03:32 PM  
**Subject:** report

Please begin reporting on animal incidents of loss, injury or death on commercial air flights as required by the law passed by Congress four years ago. It is long past time for the final rule on that law to take effect. Live animals are not lost baggage.

Sincerely,  
Susan Rhodes  
Bellingham, WA

**Assigned to (None) by System on January 20 2004, 03:23 PM**

**Auto acknowledgement sent on January 20 2004, 03:23 PM**

**From:** DotComments  
**To:** Bothrhodes@aol.com  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 20, 2004 03:23 PM  
**Subject:** {BTSTL# 159-328}report

Dear DOT Customer:

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**Interaction 159-292****Contact**

**Contact Name:** Donna Allison  
**E-mail Address:** allisonaware@EARTHLINK.NET  
**Contact ID:** 120-598

**Interaction History**

**E-mail received from Contact Donna Allison on January 20 2004, 02:08 PM**

**From:** Donna Allison  
**To:** Comments, DOT  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 20, 2004 02:14 PM  
**Cc:** agsec@usda.gov; Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov  
**Subject:** airline animal incidents

Please make sure that the law is implemented which requires that airlines report incidents of animal injury or death on their flights. The public deserves to know this information so that they can decide how to transport their companion animals, and the airlines must be held accountable for animals in their care. Thank you. Sincerely, George and Donna Allison, residents, Durham, North Carolina

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**From:** DotComments  
**To:** Donna Allison  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 20, 2004 02:08 PM  
**Subject:** {BTSTL#159-292}airline animal incidents

Dear DOT Customer:

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**Interaction 159-283****Contact**

**Contact Name:** Carie McAuliffe  
**E-mail Address:** cariemcauliffe@hotmail.com  
**Contact ID:** 120-592

**Interaction History****E-mail received from Contact Carie McAuliffe on January 20 2004, 01:48 PM**

**From:** Carie McAuliffe  
**To:** Comments, DOT; agsec@usda.gov; Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 20, 2004 01:54 PM  
**Subject:**

Dear Mr. Mineta, Ms. Veneman and Mr. Bolton:

Four years have passed since Congress enacted a bill to implement protective measures for traveling companion animals. The law requires airlines to publicly disclose the loss, injury or death of animals aboard commercial flights.

The reporting requirement was supposed to take effect in August 2000. Yet due to delays and limited exchange between DOT, the Dept. of Agriculture, and the Office of Management and Budget, the law sits on a shelf gathering dust.

It is time for airlines to report trauma to animals on a monthly basis, as stipulated in the rule. The public has a right to assess an airline's history. The USDA should check all reports for violations of the Animal Welfare Act.

Every year an estimated 5,000 animals wind up lost, wounded or dead due to extreme temperatures, poor ventilation, or rough treatment during transport in cargo holds. The Calk family's ordeal began when American Airlines told them their golden retriever Jed "was not ready yet" after a flight from Newark to Los Angeles. After twenty minutes Jed was returned unconscious and soaked in urine, feces and vomit. He later died from suffocation due to



oxygen deficiency during the flight.

When the Anzalones inquired about their boxer Enzo on a flight from St. Louis to Ft. Lauderdale, they were told:

"Enzo is smiling and drinking water." In fact, Enzo had already died. An autopsy indicated heat stress as the cause of death.

There is no excuse for one more Jed or Enzo. At the very least, airlines should be held responsible for these tragedies.

Please finalize the rule now. I also encourage you to expand its definition of "animal" to encompass any species en route to research laboratories, zoos or other facilities. The airlines need a system of accountability that prompts them to treat living beings humanely--rather than reduce them to lost or damaged baggage.

Thank you,

Carie McAuliffe  
Boston, MA

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**From:** DotComments  
**To:** Carie McAuliffe  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 20, 2004 01:48 PM  
**Subject:** {BTSTL#159-283}

Dear DOT Customer:

Thank you for contacting the Department of Transportation. Your email has been forwarded to the National Transportation Library Reference Service in the Bureau of Transportation Statistics. This is to acknowledge that we received your email message on Jan 20 2004 1:48PM. Your tracking number for this inquiry is 159283 .

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Sincerely,

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**Interaction 159-277****Contact**

**Contact Name:** LSchwartz@khhcorp.com  
**E-mail Address:** LSchwartz@khhcorp.com  
**Contact ID:** 120-588

**Interaction History**

**E-mail received from Contact LSchwartz@khhcorp.com on January 20 2004, 01:38 PM**

**From:** LSchwartz@khhcorp.com  
**To:** Comments, DOT  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 20, 2004 01:47 PM  
**Subject:** ANIMAL INCIDENTS ON THE AIRLINES

The Honorable Norman Mineta  
Secretary of Transportation

ANIMAL INCIDENTS ON THE AIRLINES STILL ARE **NOT** BEING REPORTED!

**PLEASE FIRM THE RULE AND HAVE AIRLINES BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANIMAL INCIDENTS AS THE LAW DEMANDS. Airlines need to be responsible not only for the people but also all types of animals. We the people need to speak for those who can't-namely the animals. Animals have rights, animals have feelings just like people. Make airlines act responsibly for animals. They are NOT baggage. Wrap up the process immediately. Why does something that involves living breathing animals have to take so long?! Congress passed this bill in 2000-the final rule has not taken effect. PLEASE,PLEASE,PLEASE.**

Respectfully,

Lynn Schwartz  
Human Resources Department  
Office Services Clerk  
Kimball Hill Homes  
847-709-8891 Phone  
847-439-3270 Fax

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**Interaction 159-276****Contact**

**Contact Name:** Tracy Thrasher Hybl  
**E-mail Address:** thrashet@bu.edu  
**Contact ID:** 120-587

**Interaction History**

**E-mail received from Contact Tracy Thrasher Hybl on January 20 2004, 01:38 PM**

**From:** Tracy Thrasher Hybl  
**To:** Comments, DOT; agsec@usda.gov; Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 20, 2004 01:45 PM  
**Subject:** REPORTING OF ANIMAL INCIDENTS ON AIRLINES

As you know, Congress passed a law in April 2000 requiring airlines to report incidents of loss, injury or death to animals during commercial flights -- rather than just as lost baggage -- and requiring the Dept. of Transportation (DOT) to make these reports public on a monthly basis. After publishing a draft and receiving thousands of letters from the public, DOT issued its "final" rule in August to implement this reporting requirement.

Sadly, nearly four years after the bill passed Congress, the final rule has not yet taken effect. It's time to finish this rule and begin reporting on animal incidents as the law demands and the public expects. Please wrap up the process immediately so that airlines are more accountable for the treatment of animals in their care.

Thank you,  
Tracy Thrasher Hybl

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**Auto acknowledgement sent on January 20 2004, 01:38 PM**

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**Interaction 159-272****Contact**

**Contact Name:** Dennis Morley  
**E-mail Address:** dadcosys@hotmail.com  
**Contact ID:** 120-585

**Interaction History**

**E-mail received from Contact Dennis Morley on January 20 2004, 01:33 PM**

**From:** Dennis Morley  
**To:** Comments, DOT  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 20, 2004 01:41 PM  
**Subject:** ANIMAL INCIDENTS ON AIRLINES

The Honorable Norman Mineta  
Secretary of Transportation

Dear Secretary Mineta,

Please resolve all issues between the Department of Transportation, the Department of Agriculture and the Office of Management and Budget to finalize the rules for airlines to report incidents of loss, injury and death of animals during commercial flights.

Dennis Morley  
104 Throckmorton Lane  
Old Bridge, NJ 08857  
Email: [dadcosys@hotmail.com](mailto:dadcosys@hotmail.com)

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**Interaction 159-260****Contact**

**Contact Name:** Jerry Houston  
**E-mail Address:** jlhouston@worldnet.att.net  
**Contact ID:** 120-575

**Interaction History****E-mail received from Contact Jerry Houston on January 20 2004, 01:15 PM**

**From:** Jerry Houston  
**To:** Comments, DOT; agsec@usda.gov; animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 20, 2004 01:16 PM  
**Subject:** ANIMAL INCIDENTS ON AIRLINES

Honorable Norman Mineta, Secretary of Transportation  
Honorable Ann Veneman, Secretary of Agriculture  
Honorable Joshua Bolton, Director, Office of Management and Budget

It is my understanding you are the persons involved for coming to some agreement on the reporting procedure that would require airlines to report incidents of loss, injury or death to animals during commercial flights. Congress passed a law in April 2000 requiring airlines to report these incidents and now, nearly four years later, a final rule has not yet taken effect. I believe anyone thinking of transporting a pet, or any animal, should be aware of the "track record" of any airline. Would you not want the same information available to you? These pets/animals are very special to people who require transportation for them or they would not go to the expense of doing so. Your consideration in coming to some sort of agreement on this as soon as possible would be very much appreciated by those who do need this service.

Marjorie L. Houston  
890 Cherry Blossom Drive  
Dayton, OH 45449

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**Interaction 159-252****Contact**

**Contact Name:** Patti Packer  
**E-mail Address:** Patti.Packer@thomson.com  
**Contact ID:** 120-567

**Interaction History****E-mail received from Contact Patti Packer on January 20 2004, 12:53 PM**

**From:** Patti Packer  
**To:** Comments, DOT; agsec@usda.gov; transport.rule@omb.eop.gov  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 20, 2004 01:01 PM  
**Subject:** Transport of animals on airlines

I am writing to urge your departments to resolve the minor details concerning the law passed in April 2000 to protect animals during commercial flights.

This law was passed to make airlines more accountable concerning the treatment of animals in their care. I believe it is time that this law is official so that the public can better gauge an airline's tracking record.

Sincerely,

Patti Packer  
5 Jennifer Rd  
Scotia, NY 12302

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## Interaction 159-238

### Contact

**Contact Name:** Mary Moneypenny  
**E-mail Address:** felinophile@care2.com  
**Contact ID:** 119-689

### Interaction History

**E-mail received from Contact Mary Moneypenny on January 20 2004, 12:18 PM**

**From:** Mary Moneypenny  
**To:** Comments, DOT; agsec@usda.gov; Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 20, 2004 12:24 PM  
**Subject:** ANIMAL INCIDENTS ON AIRLINES STILL NOT BEING REPORTED

The Honorable Norman Mineta, Secretary of Transportation  
The Honorable Ann Veneman, Secretary of Agriculture

The Honorable Joshua Bolton, Director, Office of Management and Budget

Dear Madame and Messieurs:

I am writing to you because of concern about disturbing information (of which you may already be aware) contained in a recent HUMANELines e-newsletter:

"Congress passed a law in April 2000 requiring airlines to report incidents of loss, injury or death to animals during commercial flights -- rather than just as lost baggage -- and requiring the Dept. of Transportation (DOT) to make these reports public on a monthly basis. After publishing a draft and receiving thousands of letters from the public, DOT issued its 'final' rule in August to implement this reporting requirement. Although DOT unfortunately decided on a narrow definition of 'animal' (only covering companion animals), these reports will allow people to better gauge an airline's track record before deciding whether to fly their companion animals in cargo holds and, we hope, make airlines more careful. (For more

information on this rule, see : [www.hsus.org/acc/19581](http://www.hsus.org/acc/19581) .)

Nearly four years after the bill passed Congress, the final rule has not yet taken effect, thanks to agency foot-dragging and a lack of communication between DOT, the Department of Agriculture (USDA), and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to resolve minor details. It's time they finish the rule and begin reporting on animal incidents as the law demands and the public expects."

Please wrap up the process immediately so that airlines are more accountable for the treatment of animals in their care.  
Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

M. Money Penny

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**From:** DotComments  
**To:** Mary Money Penny  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 20, 2004 12:18 PM  
**Subject:** {BTSTL#159-238}ANIMAL INCIDENTS ON AIRLINES STILL NOT BEING REPORTED

Dear DOT Customer:

Thank you for contacting the Department of Transportation. Your email has been forwarded to the National Transportation Library Reference Service in the Bureau of Transportation Statistics. This is to acknowledge that we received your email message on Jan 20 2004 12:18PM. Your tracking number for this inquiry is 159238 .

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Sincerely,

Reference Service Staff  
National Transportation Library



## Interaction 159-216

### Contact

**Contact Name:** Antichrist  
**E-mail Address:** anti.christ.ina@gmx.de  
**Contact ID:** 120-540

### Interaction History

#### E-mail received from Contact Antichrist on January 20 2004, 11:38 AM

**From:** Antichrist  
**To:** Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov; agsec@usda.gov; Comments, DOT  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 20, 2004 11:44 AM  
**Subject:**

Dear Mr. Mineta, Ms. Veneman and Mr. Bolton:

Four years have passed since Congress enacted a bill to implement protective measures for traveling companion animals. The law requires airlines to publicly disclose the loss, injury or death of animals aboard commercial flights.

The reporting requirement was supposed to take effect in August 2000. Yet due to delays and limited exchange between DOT, the Dept. of Agriculture, and the Office of Management and Budget, the law sits on a shelf gathering dust.

It is time for airlines to report trauma to animals on a monthly basis, as stipulated in the rule. The public has a right to assess an airline's history. The USDA should check all reports for violations of the Animal Welfare Act.

Every year an estimated 5,000 animals wind up lost, wounded or dead due to extreme temperatures, poor ventilation, or rough treatment during transport in cargo holds. The Calk family's ordeal began when American Airlines told them their golden retriever Jed "was not ready yet" after a flight from Newark to Los Angeles. After twenty minutes Jed was returned unconscious and soaked in urine, feces and vomit. He later died from suffocation due to oxygen deficiency during the flight.

When the Anzalones inquired about their boxer Enzo on a flight from St. Louis to Ft. Lauderdale, they were told:  
"Enzo is smiling and drinking water." In fact, Enzo had already died. An

autopsy indicated heat stress as the cause of death.

There is no excuse for one more Jed or Enzo. At the very least, airlines should be held responsible for these tragedies.

Please finalize the rule now. I also encourage you to expand its definition of "animal" to encompass any species en route to research laboratories, zoos or other facilities. The airlines need a system of accountability that prompts them to treat living beings humanely--rather than reduce them to lost or damaged baggage.

With kind regards,  
Christina Osterwald  
Heydbrekenstr.20  
44319 Dortmund  
Germany

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**From:** DotComments  
**To:** Antichrist  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 20, 2004 11:38 AM  
**Subject:** {BTSTL#159-216}

Dear DOT Customer:

Thank you for contacting the Department of Transportation. Your email has been forwarded to the National Transportation Library Reference Service in the Bureau of Transportation Statistics. This is to acknowledge that we received your email message on Jan 20 2004 11:38AM. Your tracking number for this inquiry is 159216 .

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Sincerely,

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U.S. Department of Transportation

-----Original Message-----

From: Antichrist [[anti.christ.ina@gmx.de](mailto:anti.christ.ina@gmx.de)]  
Sent: Tuesday, Jan 20 2004 11:44AM

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## Interaction 159-186

### Contact

**Contact Name:** Laura Janisse  
**E-mail Address:** myresume777@hotmail.com  
**Contact ID:** 120-516

### Interaction History

**E-mail received from Contact Laura Janisse on January 20 2004, 10:43 AM**

**From:** Laura Janisse  
**To:** Comments, DOT; agsec@usda.gov; Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 20, 2004 10:51 AM  
**Subject:** Animal Incidents on Airlines

To: The Honorable Norman Mineta, Secretary of Transportation,  
The Honorable Ann Veneman, Secretary of Agriculture and  
The Honorable Joshua Bolton, Director, Office of Management and Budget

As you know, Congress passed a law in April 2000 requiring airlines to report incidents of loss, injury or death to animals during commercial flights -- rather than just as lost baggage -- and requiring the Dept. of Transportation (DOT) to make these reports public on a monthly basis. After publishing a draft and receiving thousands of letters from the public, DOT issued its "final" rule in August to implement this reporting requirement. Although DOT unfortunately decided on a narrow definition of "animal" (only covering companion animals), these reports will allow people to better gauge an airline's track record before deciding whether to fly their companion animals in cargo holds and, we hope, make airlines more careful.

I'm writing to ask you to wrap up the process as soon as possible so that airlines are more accountable for the treatment of animals in their care.

Best regards,

Laura Janisse  
Concerned citizen

## Interaction 159-126

### Contact

**Contact Name:** Elaine Friedman  
**E-mail Address:** friedman@nycap.rr.com  
**Contact ID:** 120-473

### Interaction History

#### E-mail received from Contact Elaine Friedman on January 20 2004, 08:38 AM

**From:** Elaine Friedman  
**To:** Comments, DOT; agsec@usda.gov; rule@omb.eop.gov  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 20, 2004 08:47 AM  
**Subject:** Traveling Protective Measures

Dear Mr. Mineta, Ms. Veneman and Mr. Bolton:

Four years have passed since Congress enacted a bill to implement protective measures for traveling companion animals. The law requires airlines to publicly disclose the loss, injury or death of animals aboard commercial flights.

The reporting requirement was supposed to take effect in August 2000. Yet due to delays and limited exchange between DOT, the Dept. of Agriculture, and the Office of Management and Budget, the law sits on a shelf gathering dust.

It is time for airlines to report trauma to animals on a monthly basis, as stipulated in the rule. The public has a right to assess an airline's history. The USDA should check all reports for violations of the Animal Welfare Act.

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"Enzo is smiling and drinking water." In fact, Enzo had already died. An autopsy indicated heat stress

as the cause of death.

There is no excuse for one more Jed or Enzo. At the very least, airlines should be held responsible for these tragedies.

Please finalize the rule now. I also encourage you to expand its definition of "animal" to encompass any species en route to research laboratories, zoos or other facilities. The airlines need a system of accountability that prompts them to treat living beings humanely--rather than reduce them to lost or damaged baggage.

Thank you,  
Elaine Friedman  
1034 Maryland Avenue  
Schenectady, NY 12308

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**From:** DotComments  
**To:** Elaine Friedman  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 20, 2004 08:38 AM  
**Subject:** {BTSTL#159-126}Traveling Protective Measures

Dear DOT Customer:

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Sincerely,

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National Transportation Library  
Bureau of Transportation Statistics  
U.S. Department of Transportation

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## Interaction 159-162

### Contact

**Contact Name:** Long Island  
**E-mail Address:** brookelynn1971@yahoo.com  
**Contact ID:** 040-298

### Interaction History

E-mail received from Contact Long Island on January 20 2004, 10:00 AM

**From:** Long Island  
**To:** transport.rule@omb.eop.gov; Comments, DOT; agsec@usda.gov  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 20, 2004 09:55 AM  
**Subject:** Fwd: LETTER/U.S. Rule For Animals On Planes Still In Limbo

*Kinship Circle <info@kinshipcircle.org> wrote:*

Date: Sat, 17 Jan 2004 12:19:04 -0600  
Subject: LETTER/U.S. Rule For Animals On Planes Still In Limbo  
From: Kinship Circle  
To: 5 Kinship Circle ,  
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7 Kinship Circle

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**SOURCE OF INFORMATION:**  
**HUMANElines---Issue 279---January 15, 2004**  
[humanelines@hsus.org](mailto:humanelines@hsus.org)  
<http://www.hsus.org/ace/19581>  
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The Honorable Norman Mineta, Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 7th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20590  
ph: 202-366-1111; fax: 202-366-7202; email: dot.comments@ost.dot.gov

The Honorable Ann Veneman, Secretary of Agriculture  
U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, DC 20250  
ph: 202-720-3631; fax: 202-720-2166, 202-720-6314; email: agsec@usda.gov

The Honorable Joshua Bolton, Director  
Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20503  
ph: 202-395-4840; fax: 202-395-3888; email: Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov

Dear Mr. Mineta, Ms. Veneman and Mr. Bolton:

Four years have passed since Congress enacted a bill to implement protective measures for traveling companion animals. The law requires airlines to publicly disclose the loss, injury or death of animals aboard commercial flights.

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There is no excuse for one more Jed or Enzo. At the very least, airlines should be held responsible for these tragedies.

Please finalize the rule now. I also encourage you to expand its definition of "animal" to encompass any species en route to research laboratories, zoos or other facilities. The airlines need a system of accountability that prompts them to treat living beings humanely--rather than reduce them to lost or damaged baggage.

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**To:** Long Island  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 20, 2004 10:00 AM  
**Subject:** {BTSTL#159-162}LETTER/U.S. Rule For Animals On Planes Still In Limbo

Dear DOT Customer:

Thank you for contacting the Department of Transportation. Your email has been forwarded to the National Transportation Library Reference Service in the Bureau of Transportation Statistics. This is to acknowledge that we received your email message on Jan 20 2004 10:00AM. Your tracking number for this inquiry is 159162 .

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Sincerely,

Reference Service Staff  
 National Transportation Library



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**Interaction 157-814****Contact**

**Contact Name:** Mary Ashley White  
**E-mail Address:** ash\_boston@yahoo.com  
**Contact ID:** 119-539

**Interaction History**

**Media: E-mail. Received. From Contact: Mary Ashley White. Time: 1/15/2004 4:33:04 PM.**

**From:** Mary Ashley White  
**To:** Comments, DOT; agsec@usda.gov; Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov  
**Date:** Thursday, January 15, 2004 04:42 PM  
**Subject:** ANIMAL INCIDENTS ON AIRLINES STILL NOT BEING REPORTED

Please wrap up the process immediately so that airlines are more accountable for the treatment of animals in their care.

Thank you,

Mary Ashley White  
Richardson, TX

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**Auto acknowledgement sent. Time: 1/15/2004 4:33:04 PM.**

**From:** DotComments  
**To:** Mary Ashley White  
**Date:** Thursday, January 15, 2004 04:33 PM

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## Interaction 157-815

### Contact

**Contact Name:** Marie Leblanc  
**E-mail Address:** pink\_spirit85@hotmail.com  
**Contact ID:** 119-540

### Interaction History

**Media: E-mail. Received. From Contact: Marie Leblanc. Time: 1/15/2004 4:38:05 PM.**

**From:** Marie Leblanc  
**To:** Comments, DOT  
**Date:** Thursday, January 15, 2004 04:44 PM  
**Subject:**

I urge you to wrap up the process immediately so that airlines are more accountable for the treatment of animals in their care.

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**From:** DotComments  
**To:** Marie Leblanc  
**Date:** Thursday, January 15, 2004 04:38 PM  
**Subject:** {BTSTL#157-815}

Dear DOT Customer:

Thank you for contacting the Department of Transportation. Your email has been forwarded to the

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## Interaction 157-817

### Contact

**Contact Name:** Tina King  
**E-mail Address:** tinamking@myway.com  
**Contact ID:** 119-541

### Interaction History

**Media: E-mail. Received. From Contact: Tina King. Time: 1/15/2004 4:38:06 PM.**

**From:** Tina King  
**To:** Comments, DOT  
**Date:** Thursday, January 15, 2004 04:45 PM  
**Cc:** agsec@usda.gov; Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov  
**Subject:**

Please wrap up the process immediately so that airlines are more accountable for the treatment of animals in their care.

Thanks!

Cordially,

Ms. King

1. The Honorable Norman Mineta, Secretary of Transportation  
E-mail: dot.comments@ost.dot.gov  
Phone: 202-366-1111  
Fax: 202-366-7202

2. The Honorable Ann Veneman, Secretary of Agriculture  
E-mail: agsec@usda.gov  
Phone: 202-720-3631  
Fax: 202-720-2166

3. The Honorable Joshua Bolton, Director, Office of Management and Budget  
E-mail: Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov  
Phone: 202-395-4840  
Fax: 202-395-3888

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**Interaction 157-819****Contact**

**Contact Name:** Bert Wilson  
**E-mail Address:** bwilson@senatorpen.com  
**Contact ID:** 119-542

**Interaction History**

**Media: E-mail. Received. From Contact: Bert Wilson. Time: 1/15/2004 4:43:07 PM.**

**From:** Bert Wilson  
**To:** Comments, DOT; 'agsec@usda.gov'; 'Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov'  
**Date:** Thursday, January 15, 2004 04:48 PM  
**Subject:** ANIMAL INCIDENTS ON AIRLINES STILL NOT BEING REPORTED:

To whom it may concern,

Congress passed a law in April 2000 requiring airlines to report incidents of loss, injury or death to animals during commercial flights -- rather than just as lost baggage - and requiring the Dept. of Transportation (DOT) to make these reports public on a monthly basis. After publishing a draft and receiving thousands of letters from the public, DOT issued its "final" rule in August to implement this reporting requirement. Although DOT unfortunately decided on a narrow definition of "animal" (only covering companion animals), these reports will allow people to better gauge an airline's track record before deciding whether to fly their companion animals in cargo holds and, we hope, make airlines more careful

Nearly four years after the bill passed Congress, the final rule has not yet taken effect, thanks to agency foot-dragging and a lack of communication between DOT, the Department of Agriculture (USDA), and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to resolve minor details.

I urge you to wrap up the process immediately so that airlines are more accountable for the treatment of animals in their care.

Thank you for your time,

Bert Wilson  
High Point, NC

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## Interaction 157-820

### Contact

**Contact Name:** Robert Rutkowski  
**E-mail Address:** r\_e\_rutkowski@hotmail.com  
**Contact ID:** 049-622

### Interaction History

**Media:** E-mail. Received. From Contact: Robert Rutkowski. Time: 1/15/2004 4:43:08 PM.

**From:** Robert Rutkowski  
**To:** Comments, DOT; agsec@usda.gov; Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov  
**Date:** Thursday, January 15, 2004 04:49 PM  
**Cc:** tom\_daschle@daschle.senate.gov; sf.nancy@mail.house.gov; president@WhiteHouse.Gov  
**Subject:** ANIMAL INCIDENTS ON AIRLINES STILL NOT BEING REPORTED

The Honorable Norman Mineta, Secretary of Transportation  
E-mail: [dot.comments@ost.dot.gov](mailto:dot.comments@ost.dot.gov)  
Phone: 202-366-1111  
Fax: 202-366-7202

The Honorable Ann Veneman, Secretary of Agriculture  
E-mail: [agsec@usda.gov](mailto:agsec@usda.gov)  
Phone: 202-720-3631  
Fax: 202-720-2166

The Honorable Joshua Bolton, Director, Office of Management and Budget  
E-mail: [Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov](mailto:Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov)  
Phone: 202-395-4840  
Fax: 202-395-3888

Dear Secretaries and Director:

Congress passed a law in April 2000 requiring airlines to report incidents of loss, injury or death to animals during commercial flights -- rather than just as lost baggage -- and requiring the Dept. of Transportation (DOT) to make these reports public on a monthly basis. After publishing a draft and receiving thousands of letters from the public, DOT issued its "final" rule in August to implement this reporting requirement. Although DOT

unfortunately decided on a narrow definition of "animal" (only covering companion animals), these reports will allow people to better gauge an airline's track record before deciding whether to fly their companion animals in cargo holds and, I hope, make airlines more careful.

Nearly four years after the bill passed Congress, the final rule has not yet taken effect, thanks to agency foot-dragging and a lack of communication between DOT, the Department of Agriculture (USDA), and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to resolve minor details. It's time the agencies finish the rule and begin reporting on animal incidents as the law demands and the public expects.

Please wrap up the process immediately so that airlines are more accountable for the treatment of animals in their care.

Thank you for the opportunity to bring these remarks to your attention.

Mindful of the enormous responsibilities which stand before you, I am,

Yours sincerely,  
Robert E. Rutkowski

cc:  
Nancy Pelosi  
Andrew H. Card, Jr.  
Tom Daschle

2527 Faxon Court  
Topeka, Kansas 66605-2086  
P/F: 1 785 379-9671  
[r\\_e\\_rutkowski@myrealbox.com](mailto:r_e_rutkowski@myrealbox.com)

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**From:** DotComments  
**To:** Robert Rutkowski  
**Date:** Thursday, January 15, 2004 04:43 PM  
**Subject:** {BTSTL#157-820}ANIMAL INCIDENTS ON AIRLINES STILL NOT BEING REPORTED

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## Interaction 157-827

### Contact

**Contact Name:** Julie\_Bowen@fmi.com  
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**Contact ID:** 119-545

### Interaction History

**Media: E-mail. Received. From Contact: Julie\_Bowen@fmi.com. Time: 1/15/2004 4:48:06 PM.**

**From:** Julie\_Bowen@fmi.com  
**To:** Comments, DOT; agsec@usda.gov; Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov  
**Date:** Thursday, January 15, 2004 04:57 PM  
**Subject:** Reporting of Animal Incidents on Airlines

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I urge you to wrap up the process immediately so that airlines are more accountable for the treatment of animals in their care. Four years is more than adequate time to go from a "draft" rule to a "final" rule and begin implementation of the rule.

*Julie Bowen*

**Assigned to: (None). By: System. Time: 1/15/2004 4:48:06 PM.**

**Auto acknowledgement sent. Time: 1/15/2004 4:48:06 PM.**

**From:** DotComments

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**Interaction 157-821****Contact**

**Contact Name:** pinkyjain  
**E-mail Address:** pinkyscout@yahoo.com  
**Contact ID:** 069-014

**Interaction History**

**Media: E-mail. Received. From Contact: pinkyjain. Time: 1/15/2004 4:43:09 PM.**

**From:** pinkyjain  
**To:** Comments, DOT  
**Date:** Thursday, January 15, 2004 04:49 PM  
**Subject:** ANIMAL INCIDENTS ON AIRLINES STILL NOT BEING REPORTED

The Honorable Norman Mineta, Secretary of  
Transportation

ANIMAL INCIDENTS ON AIRLINES STILL NOT BEING REPORTED.

Nearly four years after the bill passed Congress, the final rule has not yet taken effect, thanks to agency foot-dragging and a lack of communication between DOT, the Department of Agriculture (USDA), and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to resolve minor details. It's time they finish the rule and begin reporting on animal incidents as the law demands and the public expects. I urge them to wrap up the process immediately so that airlines are more accountable for the treatment of animals in their care.

Sincerely

pinky jain pan  
pinkyscout@yahoo.com  
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Santa Rosa, CA, 95403

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**Interaction 157-822****Contact**

**Contact Name:** CHurtel@aol.com  
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**Contact ID:** 119-543

**Interaction History**

**Media: E-mail. Received. From Contact: CHurtel@aol.com. Time: 1/15/2004 4:43:09 PM.**

**From:** CHurtel@aol.com  
**To:** Comments, DOT; agsec@usda.gov  
**Date:** Thursday, January 15, 2004 04:52 PM  
**Subject:** (no subject)

The Honorable Norman Mineta  
The Honorable Ann Veneman, Secretary of Agriculture

**ANIMAL INCIDENTS ON AIRLINES STILL NOT BEING REPORTED:**

Congress passed a law in April 2000 requiring airlines to report incidents of loss, injury or death to animals during commercial flights -- rather than just as lost baggage -- and requiring the Dept. of Transportation (DOT) to make these reports public on a monthly basis. After publishing a draft and receiving thousands of letters from the public, DOT issued its "final" rule in August to implement this reporting requirement. Although DOT unfortunately decided on a narrow definition of "animal" (only covering companion animals), these reports will allow people to better gauge an airline's track record before deciding whether to fly their companion animals in cargo holds and, we hope, make airlines more careful.

Nearly four years after the bill passed Congress, the final rule has not yet taken effect, thanks to agency foot-dragging and a lack of communication between DOT, the Department of Agriculture (USDA), and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to resolve minor details. It's time they finish the rule and begin reporting on animal incidents as the law demands and the public expects.

**Please, I urge you to wrap up the process immediately so that airlines are more accountable for the treatment of animals in their care.**

Thank You for your attention.

Cindy Hurtel  
2809 B Kingman Street  
Metairie, LA 70006

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**Interaction 157-823****Contact**

**Contact Name:** Sarah McLean  
**E-mail Address:** sarahmclean@earthlink.net  
**Contact ID:** 053-291

**Interaction History**

**Media: E-mail. Received. From Contact: Sarah McLean. Time: 1/15/2004 4:43:10 PM.**

**From:** Sarah McLean  
**To:** Comments, DOT  
**Date:** Thursday, January 15, 2004 04:53 PM  
**Subject:** ANIMAL INCIDENTS ON AIRLINES STILL NOT BEING REPORTED

Dear Honorable Norman Mineta:

Did you know that congress passed a law in April 2000 requiring airlines to report incidents of loss, injury or death to animals during commercial flights -- rather than just as lost baggage -- and requiring the Dept. of Transportation (DOT) to make these reports public on a monthly basis?

After publishing a draft and receiving thousands of letters from the public, DOT issued its "final" rule in August to implement this reporting requirement. Although DOT unfortunately decided on a narrow definition of "animal" (only covering companion animals), these reports will allow people to better gauge an airline's track record before deciding whether to fly their companion animals in cargo holds and, we hope, make airlines more careful.

Nearly four years after the bill passed Congress, the final rule has not yet taken effect, It's time you finish the rule and begin reporting on animal incidents as the law demands and the public expects. I urge you to wrap up the process immediately so that airlines are more accountable for the treatment of animals in their care.

Sincerely,  
Sarah McLean  
Dog Lover  
Sedona, Arizona

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**Interaction 157-825****Contact**

**Contact Name:** lannd4animals@aol.com  
**E-mail Address:** lannd4animals@aol.com  
**Contact ID:** 039-898

**Interaction History**

**Media: E-mail. Received. From Contact: LAnnD4animals@aol.com. Time: 1/15/2004 4:48:04 PM.**

**From:** LAnnD4animals@aol.com  
**To:** Comments, DOT; agsec@usda.gov; Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov  
**Date:** Thursday, January 15, 2004 04:55 PM  
**Subject:** Protect the animals that fly on planes

As you probably know, Congress passed a law in April 2000 requiring airlines to report incidents of loss, injury or death to animals during commercial flights -- rather than just as lost baggage -- and requiring the Dept. of Transportation (DOT) to make these reports public on a monthly basis. After publishing a draft and receiving thousands of letters from the public, DOT issued its "final" rule in August to implement this reporting requirement. Although DOT unfortunately decided on a narrow definition of "animal" (only covering companion animals), these reports will allow people to better gauge an airline's track record before deciding whether to fly their companion animals in cargo holds and, we hope, make airlines more careful.

Nearly four years after the bill passed Congress, the final rule has not yet taken effect, thanks to agency foot-dragging and a lack of communication between DOT, the Department of Agriculture (USDA), and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to resolve minor details. It's time you finish the rule and begin reporting on animal incidents as the law demands and the public expects.

Thank you

Mr. & Mrs. James L. Denison  
6931 E 11th St  
Long Beach, CA 90815

**Assigned to: (None). By: System. Time: 1/15/2004 4:48:04 PM.**

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**Interaction 157-826****Contact**

**Contact Name:** Buckybun  
**E-mail Address:** ranger18@capital.net  
**Contact ID:** 119-544

**Interaction History**

**Media: E-mail. Received. From Contact: Buckybun. Time: 1/15/2004 4:48:05 PM.**

**From:** Buckybun  
**To:** Comments, DOT; agsec@usda.gov; Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov  
**Date:** Thursday, January 15, 2004 04:56 PM  
**Subject:** Opposed to airline rules

The HSUS is a radical animal rights group no different than Peta. I received the below from them and I think it's all BS. I'm sure many mindless activists will write to you asking to do what HSUS says but remember they have no idea about the issue or anything. HSUS is just trying to end all air shipping of animals so people can't purchase pets or farm. I hope you will ignore HSUS.

Corinne Fayo  
 NY

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**ANIMAL INCIDENTS ON AIRLINES STILL NOT BEING REPORTED:**

Congress passed a law in April 2000 requiring airlines to report incidents of loss, injury or death to animals during commercial flights -- rather than just as lost baggage -- and requiring the Dept. of Transportation (DOT) to make these reports public on a monthly basis. After publishing a draft and receiving thousands of letters from the public, DOT issued its "final" rule in August to implement this reporting requirement. Although DOT unfortunately decided on a narrow definition of "animal" (only covering companion animals), these reports will allow people to better gauge an airline's track record before deciding whether to fly their companion animals in cargo holds and, we hope, make airlines more careful. (For more information on this rule, see : [www.hsus.org/ace/19581](http://www.hsus.org/ace/19581) .)

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**Interaction 157-828****Contact**

**Contact Name:** Kerry Schmitt  
**E-mail Address:** njdevils0464@yahoo.com  
**Contact ID:** 119-546

**Interaction History**

**Media: E-mail. Received. From Contact: Kerry Schmitt. Time: 1/15/2004 4:53:07 PM.**

**From:** Kerry Schmitt  
**To:** Comments, DOT; agsec@usda.gov; Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov  
**Date:** Thursday, January 15, 2004 04:58 PM  
**Subject:** Passing the Law Requiring Airlines to be More Accountable for Pets

Dear Sirs & Madame,

This email urges you to finalize & implement the law that Congress passed in April of 2000, requiring airlines to report incidents of loss, injury or death to animals during commercial flights -- rather than just as lost baggage -- and requiring the Dept. of Transportation (DOT) to make these reports public on a monthly basis. After publishing a draft and receiving thousands of letters from the public, DOT issued its "final" rule in August to implement this reporting requirement. Although DOT unfortunately decided on a narrow definition of "animal" (only covering companion animals), these reports will allow people to better gauge an airline's track record before deciding whether to fly their companion animals in cargo holds and, we hope, make airlines more careful.

Nearly four years after the bill passed Congress, the final rule has not yet taken effect & it's time we finish the rule and begin reportin! g on animal incidents as the law demands and the public expects. Please wrap up the process immediately so that airlines are more accountable for the treatment of animals in their care & pet owners like me can breathe a little easier knowing that our furry friends are in good hands while traveling.

Regards,  
Kerry J Schmitt

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## Interaction 157-830

### Contact

**Contact Name:** Maite  
**E-mail Address:** QBonics13@bellsouth.net  
**Contact ID:** 119-548

### Interaction History

**Media:** E-mail. Received. From Contact: Maite. Time: 1/15/2004 4:53:09 PM.

**From:** Maite  
**To:** Comments, DOT; agsec@usda.gov; Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov  
**Date:** Thursday, January 15, 2004 05:00 PM  
**Subject:** Loss of animals

I am writing to urge you to speed up the process that would mandate that airlines make public their information on lost animals during travel. I think that citizens who must transport their animals have the absolute right to know the track record of all the airlines before they make informed decisions on who to fly with.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Maite Jerez  
Miami, Florida

**Assigned to:** (None). **By:** System. **Time:** 1/15/2004 4:53:09 PM.

**Auto acknowledgement sent.** **Time:** 1/15/2004 4:53:09 PM.

**From:** DotComments  
**To:** Maite  
**Date:** Thursday, January 15, 2004 04:53 PM

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## Interaction 157-832

### Contact

**Contact Name:** Steve Longo  
**E-mail Address:** stevelongo@cariq.com  
**Contact ID:** 119-550

### Interaction History

**Media: E-mail. Received. From Contact: Steve Longo. Time: 1/15/2004 4:53:10 PM.**

**From:** Steve Longo  
**To:** Comments, DOT; Dan Glickman; Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov  
**Date:** Thursday, January 15, 2004 05:02 PM  
**Subject:** The Safe Air Travel for Animals Act

The Honorable Norman Mineta, Secretary of Transportation  
The Honorable Ann Veneman, Secretary of Agriculture  
The Honorable Joshua Bolton, Director, Office of Management

Please finish the rule for the Safe Air Travel for Animals Act and begin reporting on animal incidents as the law demands and the public expects.

Thank you.

Steve Longo  
Bethpage, NY

**Assigned to: (None). By: System. Time: 1/15/2004 4:53:10 PM.**

**Auto acknowledgement sent. Time: 1/15/2004 4:53:10 PM.**

**From:** DotComments  
**To:** Steve Longo

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## Interaction 157-835

### Contact

**Contact Name:** Carter Dillard  
**E-mail Address:** carterjdillard@hotmail.com  
**Contact ID:** 119-552

### Interaction History

**Media: E-mail. Received. From Contact: Carter Dillard. Time: 1/15/2004 5:03:14 PM.**

**From:** Carter Dillard  
**To:** Comments, DOT; agsec@usda.gov; Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov  
**Date:** Thursday, January 15, 2004 05:08 PM  
**Subject:**

I am writing to urge you to complete work on rules regarding airlines reporting incidents involving animals.

Thanks very much,  
Carter Dillard

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**Assigned to: (None). By: System. Time: 1/15/2004 5:03:14 PM.**

**Auto acknowledgement sent. Time: 1/15/2004 5:03:15 PM.**

**From:** DotComments  
**To:** Carter Dillard  
**Date:** Thursday, January 15, 2004 05:03 PM  
**Subject:** {BTSTL#157-835}



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**Interaction 157-837****Contact**

**Contact Name:** Alithea Morasca  
**E-mail Address:** amorasca@yahoo.com  
**Contact ID:** 036-663

**Interaction History**

**Media: E-mail. Received. From Contact: Alithea Morasca. Time: 1/15/2004 5:03:28 PM.**

**From:** Alithea Morasca  
**To:** Comments, DOT; agsec@usda.gov; Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov  
**Date:** Thursday, January 15, 2004 05:12 PM  
**Subject:** Protect Animals on our Airlines

Dear Honorable Judges:

Please take quick measures to ensure that the law Congress passed in April 2000 - requiring airlines to report incidents of loss, injury or death to animals during commercial flights (rather than just as lost baggage) and requiring the Department of Transportation to make these reports public on a monthly basis - is put into effect immediately. It is a disgrace that a law made nearly 4 years ago is still in limbo due to technicalities. This law is extremely important to animal owners as these reports will allow people to better gauge an airline's track record before deciding whether to fly their companion animals in cargo holds and, we hope, make airlines more careful.

It's time to finish up on minor details and begin reporting on animal incidents as the law demands and the public expects. I urge you to wrap up the process as soon as humanly possible so that airlines are more accountable for the treatment of animals in their care.

With sincere thanks,

Alithea Morasca  
2130 Ash Street  
Palo Alto, CA, 94306

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## Interaction 157-839

### Contact

**Contact Name:** David Lynn  
**E-mail Address:** davidl@ayamba.com  
**Contact ID:** 119-554

### Interaction History

**Media: E-mail. Received. From Contact: David Lynn. Time: 1/15/2004 5:09:16 PM.**

**From:** David Lynn  
**To:** Comments, DOT; agsec@usda.gov; Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov  
**Date:** Thursday, January 15, 2004 05:14 PM  
**Subject:** Make Airlines Accountable

Hello -

Please wrap up your process and make airlines accountable for their treatment of animals. The law has already been passed, and there is no reason not to force airlines to comply. Safety issues should take priority.

Thank you.

David Lynn  
San Diego, CA

**Assigned to: (None). By: System. Time: 1/15/2004 5:09:17 PM.**

**Auto acknowledgement sent. Time: 1/15/2004 5:09:17 PM.**

**From:** DotComments  
**To:** David Lynn  
**Date:** Thursday, January 15, 2004 05:09 PM  
**Subject:** {BTSTL#157-839}Make Airlines Accountable

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**Interaction 157-840****Contact**

**Contact Name:** Betty Omansky  
**E-mail Address:** betty@omanskygroup.com  
**Contact ID:** 119-555

**Interaction History**

**Media: E-mail. Received. From Contact: Betty Omansky. Time: 1/15/2004 5:09:18 PM.**

**From:** Betty Omansky  
**To:** Comments, DOT; agsec@usda.gov; Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov  
**Date:** Thursday, January 15, 2004 05:16 PM  
**Subject:** Respectful Request

Nearly four years after the bill passed Congress, the final rule has not yet taken effect, thanks to agency foot-dragging and a lack of communication between DOT, the Department of Agriculture (USDA), and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to resolve minor details. It's time they finish the rule and begin reporting on animal incidents as the law demands and the public expects.

We respectfully urge you to please wrap up the process immediately so that airlines are more accountable for the treatment of animals in their care.

Thank you,  
Betty & Conrad Omansky  
Hinesburg, VT

**Assigned to: (None). By: System. Time: 1/15/2004 5:09:19 PM.**

**Auto acknowledgement sent. Time: 1/15/2004 5:09:19 PM.**

**From:** DotComments

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**Interaction 157-829****Contact**

**Contact Name:** Amee Ricketts Brown  
**E-mail Address:** ricketab@yahoo.com  
**Contact ID:** 119-547

**Interaction History**

**Media: E-mail. Received. From Contact: Amee Ricketts Brown. Time: 1/15/2004 4:53:08 PM.**

**From:** Amee Ricketts Brown  
**To:** Comments, DOT  
**Date:** Thursday, January 15, 2004 04:59 PM  
**Subject:** Commercial Airline Animal Safety

Dear Mr. Mineta,

I am writing to express great concern regarding animal safety on commercial airlines, specifically citing the law that was passed by Congress in April 2000 requiring airlines to report incidents of loss, injury or death to animals during commercial flights.

While I appreciate the steps taken by the DOT, USDA and the OMB, I am respectfully urging you to take immediate action and finish the rule and begin reporting on animal incidents as the law demands and the public expects.

As a pet owner I am concerned about the safety of my pet every time we fly him. It is a stressful trip for pet and owner alike – knowing that we have the power and support of the government behind this issue will make millions of pet owners feel more at ease when having to transport their pet via commercial airlines.

I sincerely hope that you take my words into careful consideration and act accordingly.

Warm regards,

Amee R. Brown  
Brooklyn, NY

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**Auto acknowledgement sent. Time: 1/15/2004 4:53:08 PM.**

**From:** DotComments  
**To:** Amee Ricketts Brown  
**Date:** Thursday, January 15, 2004 04:53 PM  
**Subject:** (BTSTL#157-829)Commercial Airline Animal Safety

Dear DOT Customer:

Thank you for contacting the Department of Transportation. Your email has been forwarded to the National Transportation Library Reference Service in the Bureau of Transportation Statistics. This is to acknowledge that we received your email message on Jan 15 2004 4:53PM. Your tracking number for this inquiry is 157829 .

We strive to answer each question we receive by referring you to the web page, publication, or person who can answer your question. We try to respond within two business days.

Sincerely,

Reference Service Staff  
National Transportation Library  
Bureau of Transportation Statistics  
U.S. Department of Transportation

-----Original Message-----

From: Amee Ricketts Brown [ricketab@yahoo.com]  
Sent: Thursday, Jan 15 2004 4:59PM  
To: Comments, DOT [DOT.Comments@ost.dot.gov]  
Subject: Commercial Airline Animal Safety

Dear Mr. Mineta,

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**Interaction 157-845****Contact**

**Contact Name:** LWelch8591@aol.com  
**E-mail Address:** LWelch8591@aol.com  
**Contact ID:** 119-559

**Interaction History**

**Media: E-mail. Received. From Contact: LWelch8591@aol.com. Time: 1/15/2004 5:13:08 PM.**

**From:** LWelch8591@aol.com  
**To:** Comments, DOT  
**Date:** Thursday, January 15, 2004 05:21 PM  
**Subject:** Animal Incidents on Airlines

Congress passed a law in April 2000 requiring airlines to report incidents of loss, injury or death to animals during commercial flights -- rather than just as lost baggage -- and requiring the Dept. of Transportation (DOT) to make these reports public on a monthly basis. Although DOT unfortunately decided on a narrow definition of "animal" (only covering companion animals), these reports will allow people to better gauge an airline's track record before deciding whether to fly their companion animals in cargo holds and, we hope, make airlines more careful.

Nearly four years after have passed and the final rule has not yet taken effect. It's time to finish the rule and begin reporting on animal incidents as the law demands and the public expects.

**Assigned to: (None). By: System. Time: 1/15/2004 5:13:08 PM.**

**Auto acknowledgement sent. Time: 1/15/2004 5:13:08 PM.**

**From:** DotComments  
**To:** LWelch8591@aol.com  
**Date:** Thursday, January 15, 2004 05:13 PM  
**Subject:** {BTSTL#157-845}Animal Incidents on Airlines

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## Interaction 157-842

### Contact

**Contact Name:** Barbara Berkley  
**E-mail Address:** baberkley@earthtones.com  
**Contact ID:** 119-557

### Interaction History

**Media: E-mail. Received. From Contact: Barbara Berkley. Time: 1/15/2004 5:09:20 PM.**

**From:** Barbara Berkley  
**To:** Comments, DOT; agsec@usda.gov; Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov  
**Date:** Thursday, January 15, 2004 05:17 PM  
**Subject:** January 15

January 15, 2004

The Honorable Norman Mineta, Secretary of Transportation  
E-mail: dot.comments@ost.dot.gov  
Phone: 202-366-1111  
Fax: 202-366-7202

The Honorable Ann Veneman, Secretary of Agriculture  
E-mail: agsec@usda.gov  
Phone: 202-720-3631  
Fax: 202-720-2166

The Honorable Joshua Bolton, Director, Office of Management and Budget  
E-mail: Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov  
Phone: 202-395-4840  
Fax: 202-395-3888

Dear Madam and Sirs!

In April 2000 Congress passed a law requiring airlines to report incidents of loss, injury or death to animals during commercial flights -- rather than just as lost baggage -- and requiring the Dept. of Transportation (DOT) to make these reports public on a monthly basis.

The final rule has not yet taken effect, thanks to agency foot-dragging and a lack of communication between DOT, the Department of Agriculture (USDA), and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to resolve minor details.

It is time to finish the rule and begin reporting on animal incidents as the law demands and the public expects!

Please wrap up the process required for reporting the loss, injury of death to animals during commercial flights immediately so that airlines are more accountable for the treatment of animals in their care.

I would not dream of flying with my three pets as I have in the past with the knowledge I have gained regarding injuries and deaths to animals on the airlines. I have personally witnessed the cruelty the animals must endure while being moved from the building to plane...this must all stop!

Please do something NOW!

Sincerely!

Barbara Berkley  
Bridgeton, NJ 08302

**Assigned to: (None). By: System. Time: 1/15/2004 5:09:20 PM.**

**Auto acknowledgement sent. Time: 1/15/2004 5:09:20 PM.**

**From:** DotComments  
**To:** Barbara Berkley  
**Date:** Thursday, January 15, 2004 05:09 PM  
**Subject:** {BTSTL#157-842}January 15

Dear DOT Customer:

Thank you for contacting the Department of Transportation. Your email has been forwarded to the National Transportation Library Reference Service in the Bureau of Transportation Statistics. This is to acknowledge that we received your email message on Jan 15 2004 5:09PM. Your tracking number for this inquiry is 157842 .

We strive to answer each question we receive by referring you to the web page, publication, or person who can answer your question. We try to respond within two business days.

Sincerely,

Reference Service Staff



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## Interaction 157-846

### Contact

**Contact Name:** Christina Bastas  
**E-mail Address:** cbastas@stocktrans.com  
**Contact ID:** 119-560

### Interaction History

**Media: E-mail. Received. From Contact: Christina Bastas. Time: 1/15/2004 5:13:08 PM.**

**From:** Christina Bastas  
**To:** Comments, DOT; agsec@usda.gov; Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov  
**Date:** Thursday, January 15, 2004 05:22 PM  
**Subject:**

### Your Honors

Even though Congress passed a law in April 2000 requiring airlines to report incidents of loss, injury or death to animals during commercial flights -- rather than just as lost baggage -- and requiring the Dept. of Transportation (DOT) to make these reports public on a monthly basis. After publishing a draft and receiving thousands of letters from the public, DOT issued its "final" rule in August to implement this reporting requirement.

It's time to finish the rule and begin reporting on animal incidents as the law demands and the public expects. I urge you to wrap up the process immediately so that airlines are more accountable for the treatment of animals in their care.

Christina M. Bastas

V.P.

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**Interaction 157-848****Contact**

**Contact Name:** Moongirl246@aol.com  
**E-mail Address:** Moongirl246@aol.com  
**Contact ID:** 119-562

**Interaction History**

**Media: E-mail. Received. From Contact: Moongirl246@aol.com. Time: 1/15/2004 5:18:10 PM.**

**From:** Moongirl246@aol.com  
**To:** Comments, DOT  
**Date:** Thursday, January 15, 2004 05:26 PM  
**Subject:** Hello

Hello

I believe that its about time to begin reporting on animal incidents as the law demands and the public expects. I urge you to wrap up the process immediately so that airlines are more accountable for the treatment of animals in their care.

Sincerely,  
Massiel Caceres

**Assigned to: (None). By: System. Time: 1/15/2004 5:18:10 PM.**

**Auto acknowledgement sent. Time: 1/15/2004 5:18:10 PM.**

**From:** DotComments  
**To:** Moongirl246@aol.com  
**Date:** Thursday, January 15, 2004 05:18 PM  
**Subject:** {BTSTL#157-848}Hello

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## Interaction 157-850

### Contact

**Contact Name:** Judith Stock  
**E-mail Address:** writestock@earthlink.net  
**Contact ID:** 119-564

### Interaction History

**Media: E-mail. Received. From Contact: Judith Stock. Time: 1/15/2004 5:30:02 PM.**

**From:** Judith Stock  
**To:** Comments, DOT  
**Date:** Thursday, January 15, 2004 05:36 PM  
**Subject:** Still not reporting animal deaths on airlines--why?

Norman Mineta, Secretary of Transportation:

Isn't it time you finish the rule and begin reporting on animal death as the law demands and the public expects.

Please wrap up this business immediately so that airlines are more accountable for the treatment of animals in their care. Thanks for your help.

Judith Stock

11228 Balboa Blvd.

Granada Hills, CA 91344

*Freelance writer <writing on issues that effect dogs and cats>*

Judith A. Stock

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**Interaction 157-851****Contact**

**Contact Name:** Nicole Staton  
**E-mail Address:** beehappy90@msn.com  
**Contact ID:** 119-565

**Interaction History**

**Media: E-mail. Received. From Contact: Nicole Staton. Time: 1/15/2004 5:30:03 PM.**

**From:** Nicole Staton  
**To:** Comments, DOT; agsec@usda.gov; Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov  
**Date:** Thursday, January 15, 2004 05:37 PM  
**Subject:**

Dear sir or ma'am,

When Congress passed a law in April 2000, requiring that airlines report incidents of loss, injury, or death of animals during the commercial flights--rather than just as lost baggage--and ordering the Dept. of Transportation to make these reports publicly, every month. After publishing a draft and receiving thousands of letters from the public, DOT issued its final rule in August to implement this reporting requirement. DOT decided on a simpler definition of "animal" however. The law only covered companion animals. These reports will let people better understand what they are putting their animals through before they are put in cargo holds. The problem is that nearly four years after the bill Congress passed in April of 2000, the final rule has not yet even begun. It's time they finish the rule and begin reporting animal incidents as the law demands and the public expects!

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**Auto acknowledgement sent. Time: 1/15/2004 5:30:04 PM.**

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## Interaction 157-861

### Contact

**Contact Name:** AuthorityPROBLEM@aol.com  
**E-mail Address:** AuthorityPROBLEM@aol.com  
**Contact ID:** 119-573

### Interaction History

**Media: E-mail. Received. From Contact: AuthorityPROBLEM@aol.com. Time: 1/15/2004 6:03:16 PM.**

**From:** AuthorityPROBLEM@aol.com  
**To:** Comments, DOT  
**Date:** Thursday, January 15, 2004 06:11 PM  
**Subject:** Requesting Immediate Action

To: The Honorable Norman Mineta, Secretary of Transportation

It's been four years since Congress passed the law requiring airlines to report incidents of loss, injury, death, and mistreatment of animals aboard commercial flights, and requiring Dept. of Transportation to make these reports available to the public. Now that the "final" rule is in place, it STILL has not been implemented.

I ask you and the Dept. of Transportation to immediately act upon the law and enforce it as much as humanly possible. This will help animals, their people, and keep airlines accountable.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Kristi Espinoza  
413 Mendel Rivers Rd  
Oceanside, CA 92054  
760-385-1191  
AuthorityPROBLEM@aol.com

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## Interaction 157-866

### Contact

**Contact Name:** mimiband@aol.com  
**E-mail Address:** mimiband@aol.com  
**Contact ID:** 119-577

### Interaction History

**Media: E-mail. Received. From Contact: mimiband@aol.com. Time: 1/15/2004 6:28:06 PM.**

**From:** mimiband@aol.com  
**To:** Comments, DOT  
**Date:** Thursday, January 15, 2004 06:36 PM  
**Cc:** agsec@usda.gov; Animal.transportrule@omb.eop.gov  
**Subject:** Animal Incidents on Airlines still not being reported

To: The Honorable Norman Mineta, Secretary of Transportation

Please finish the rule on the above so that the airlines will have to begin reporting animal incidents. 4 years is long enough so please urge DOT to wrap up the process immediately.

Concerned animal lover, Valerie Nichols

**Assigned to: (None). By: System. Time: 1/15/2004 6:28:06 PM.**

**Auto acknowledgement sent. Time: 1/15/2004 6:28:06 PM.**

**From:** DotComments  
**To:** mimiband@aol.com  
**Date:** Thursday, January 15, 2004 06:28 PM  
**Subject:** {BTSTL#157-866}Animal Incidents on Airlines still not being reported

Dear DOT Customer:

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## Interaction 157-867

### Contact

**Contact Name:** RSWrick@aol.com  
**E-mail Address:** RSWrick@aol.com  
**Contact ID:** 119-578

### Interaction History

**Media: E-mail. Received. From Contact: RSWrick@aol.com. Time: 1/15/2004 6:33:07 PM.**

**From:** RSWrick@aol.com  
**To:** Comments, DOT; agsec@usda.gov; Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov  
**Date:** Thursday, January 15, 2004 06:40 PM  
**Subject:** Please enforce laws requiring airlines to be accountable for animal welfare

Thank you

Rick Winrod  
Cleveland, OH

**Assigned to: (None). By: System. Time: 1/15/2004 6:33:07 PM.**

**Auto acknowledgement sent. Time: 1/15/2004 6:33:07 PM.**

**From:** DotComments  
**To:** RSWrick@aol.com  
**Date:** Thursday, January 15, 2004 06:33 PM  
**Subject:** {BTSTL#157-867}Please enforce laws requiring airlines to be accountable for animal welfare

Dear DOT Customer:

Thank you for contacting the Department of Transportation. Your email has been forwarded to the National Transportation Library Reference Service in the Bureau of Transportation Statistics. This is to

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**Interaction 157-869****Contact**

**Contact Name:** Suzanne Lavine  
**E-mail Address:** suzlavine@hotmail.com  
**Contact ID:** 119-579

**Interaction History**

**Media: E-mail. Received. From Contact: Suzanne Lavine. Time: 1/15/2004 6:38:08 PM.**

**From:** Suzanne Lavine  
**To:** Comments, DOT  
**Date:** Thursday, January 15, 2004 06:47 PM  
**Subject:** ANIMAL INCIDENTS ON AIRLINES STILL NOT BEING REPORTED

The Honorable Norman Mineta, Secretary of Transportation  
Nearly four years after the bill passed Congress, the final rule has not yet taken effect, thanks to agency foot-dragging and a lack of communication between DOT, the Department of Agriculture (USDA), and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to resolve minor details. It's time they finish the rule and begin reporting on animal incidents as the law demands and the public expects. Please wrap up the process immediately so that airlines are more accountable for the treatment of animals in their care.  
Suzanne Lavine

**Assigned to: (None). By: System. Time: 1/15/2004 6:38:08 PM.**

**Auto acknowledgement sent. Time: 1/15/2004 6:38:08 PM.**

**From:** DotComments  
**To:** Suzanne Lavine  
**Date:** Thursday, January 15, 2004 06:38 PM  
**Subject:** {BTSTL#157-869}ANIMAL INCIDENTS ON AIRLINES STILL NOT BEING REPORTED



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**Interaction 157-872****Contact**

**Contact Name:** Jay  
**E-mail Address:** jaybird78@charter.net  
**Contact ID:** 119-581

**Interaction History**

**Media: E-mail. Received. From Contact: Jay. Time: 1/15/2004 6:48:10 PM.**

**From:** Jay  
**To:** Comments, DOT  
**Date:** Thursday, January 15, 2004 06:55 PM  
**Subject:** comments

Please require the airlines to report any and all animals lost or died during transport. Thank-you

**Assigned to: (None). By: System. Time: 1/15/2004 6:48:10 PM.**

**Auto acknowledgement sent. Time: 1/15/2004 6:48:10 PM.**

**From:** DotComments  
**To:** Jay  
**Date:** Thursday, January 15, 2004 06:48 PM  
**Subject:** {BTSTL#157-872}comments

Dear DOT Customer:

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## Interaction 157-873

### Contact

**Contact Name:** Mimi Inhelder  
**E-mail Address:** blondepa@adelphia.net  
**Contact ID:** 119-582

### Interaction History

**Media:** E-mail. **Received.** **From Contact:** Mimi Inhelder. **Time:** 1/15/2004 6:53:11 PM.

**From:** Mimi Inhelder  
**To:** Comments, DOT  
**Date:** Thursday, January 15, 2004 07:02 PM  
**Subject:** Spam: Transporting Animals

Dear Norman Mineta;

As a frequent and loyal airline traveler I urge you to continue to uphold the laws past in 2000 regarding transportation of animals. It has come to my attention that there are still many unreported deaths of companion animals in airline cargo holds. This practice needs to be abolished. Many times these cargo holds are not as well ventilated as they may have had previously thought.

Please continue to make the airlines customer friendly in regards to small domestic animal transportation.

Professionally;

Miriam G Inhelder RPA-C  
170 58th Street  
Niagara Falls, NY 14304

**Assigned to:** (None). **By:** System. **Time:** 1/15/2004 6:53:11 PM.

**Auto acknowledgement sent.** **Time:** 1/15/2004 6:53:11 PM.

**From:** DotComments

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**Interaction 157-874****Contact**

<b>Contact Name:</b>	John Teevan
<b>E-mail Address:</b>	jptrugger@cox.net
<b>Contact ID:</b>	119-583

**Interaction History**

**Media: E-mail. Received. From Contact: John Teevan. Time: 1/15/2004 6:53:11 PM.**

**From:** John Teevan  
**To:** Comments, DOT  
**Date:** Thursday, January 15, 2004 07:02 PM  
**Subject:** ANIMAL INCIDENTS ON AIRLINES STILL NOT BEING REPORTED

Dear The Honorable Norman Mineta, Secretary of Transportation,

Congress passed a law in April 2000 requiring airlines to report incidents of loss, injury or death to animals during commercial flights -- rather than just as lost baggage -- and requiring the Dept. of Transportation (DOT) to make these reports public on a monthly basis. After publishing a draft and receiving thousands of letters from the public, DOT issued its "final" rule in August to implement this reporting requirement. Although the DOT unfortunately decided on a narrow definition of "animal" (only covering companion animals), these reports will allow people to better gauge an airline's track record before deciding whether to fly their companion animals in cargo holds and, we hope, make airlines more careful.

However, this final rule has not yet taken effect, thanks to agency delays and a lack of communication between the DOT, the Department of Agriculture (USDA), and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to resolve minor details. It's time that your organizations finish the rule and begin reporting on animal incidents as the law demands and the public expects. I respectfully request that your organizations please wrap up the process immediately so that airlines are more accountable for the treatment of animals in their care.

Sincerely,

John P. Teevan III  
1602 Hayford Rd  
Chula Vista CA 91913  
Phone: (619) 934-8180 home  
E-Mail: [jptrugger@cox.net](mailto:jptrugger@cox.net)

**Assigned to: (None). By: System. Time: 1/15/2004 6:53:11 PM.**

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## Interaction 157-878

### Contact

**Contact Name:** Heidi Junger  
**E-mail Address:** 4ajunger@cox.net  
**Contact ID:** 119-584

### Interaction History

**Media: E-mail. Received. From Contact: Heidi Junger. Time: 1/15/2004 7:15:02 PM.**

**From:** Heidi Junger  
**To:** Comments, DOT  
**Date:** Thursday, January 15, 2004 07:14 PM  
**Subject:** rule for commercial airlines

The Honorable Norman Mineta,  
Secretary of Transportation

Dear Sir,

Would you please see to it that airlines finally have to report the loss or death of animals on their planes? Although this rule doesn't include millions of other animals ("non-pets") pet owners at least can make better choices as soon as the incidences are published.

Thank you for your work and compassion.

Sincerely,

Heidi Junger

**Assigned to: (None). By: System. Time: 1/15/2004 7:15:02 PM.**

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## Interaction 157-888

### Contact

**Contact Name:** Beautiz@aol.com  
**E-mail Address:** Beautiz@aol.com  
**Contact ID:** 119-587

### Interaction History

**Media:** E-mail. Received. From Contact: Beautiz@aol.com. Time: 1/15/2004 7:43:06 PM.

**From:** Beautiz@aol.com  
**To:** Comments, DOT  
**Date:** Thursday, January 15, 2004 07:51 PM  
**Subject:** Cargo/Animals

**Dear Sir/Madam:**

**It's time to finish the rule and begin reporting on animal incidents as the law demands and the public expects.**

**I urge you to wrap up the process so that airlines are more accountable for the treatment of animals in their care.**

**Thank you for your attention,  
Ms. Minghella**

**Assigned to: (None). By: System. Time: 1/15/2004 7:43:06 PM.**

**Auto acknowledgement sent. Time: 1/15/2004 7:43:06 PM.**

**From:** DotComments  
**To:** Beautiz@aol.com  
**Date:** Thursday, January 15, 2004 07:43 PM

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**Interaction 157-889****Contact**

**Contact Name:** Nancy Peterson  
**E-mail Address:** lovablek9s@hotmail.com  
**Contact ID:** 119-588

**Interaction History**

**Media: E-mail. Received. From Contact: Nancy Peterson. Time: 1/15/2004 7:43:06 PM.**

**From:** Nancy Peterson  
**To:** Comments, DOT  
**Date:** Thursday, January 15, 2004 07:52 PM  
**Subject:** airlines

Honorable Mineta: I am writing about the transportation of live animals on commercial airlines. I am very concerned over the number of animals that die or suffer traumatic experiences when traveling on the airlines. Your department needs to finalize a plan that will ensure safe transportation for dogs, cats, and any other animals that are entrusted to your care. You also need to inform the public of the number of deaths that occur with each airline so pet owners can choose which airline to use. They have a right to know and it must not be kept from them. I would encourage you to seek ways that companion animals could travel inside the airline cabin with their owners. Perhaps a special section on some planes could be designated for people traveling with their pets so there is no danger of temperature changes. You used to have smoking sections, so why not have pet sections now? Thank you for your kind attention to my concerns.

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**Assigned to: (None). By: System. Time: 1/15/2004 7:43:06 PM.**

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## Interaction 157-893

### Contact

**Contact Name:** Anne Brennan  
**E-mail Address:** asbrennan@hotmail.com  
**Contact ID:** 119-591

### Interaction History

**Media: E-mail. Received. From Contact: Anne Brennan. Time: 1/15/2004 7:53:09 PM.**

**From:** Anne Brennan  
**To:** Comments, DOT; agsec@usda.gov; Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov  
**Date:** Thursday, January 15, 2004 07:58 PM  
**Subject:** Animal Injuries on Airplanes

Dear Honorable Mineta, Honorable Veneman and Honorable Bolton;

I am at a loss as to how a person with any sense of decency at all could overlook, ignore or be uncaring about ANY kind of animal, whether it be someone's pet or just cargo, who was injured in some way.

To not notice or report an injury of an animal who cannot voice their pain or suffering is inhumane and cruel.

I would be ashamed to know that such people worked for me.

Please see to it that all accidents, injuries of any kind are reported and the animals owners or caretakers are notified at once.

Sincerely,

Anne Brennan

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**Interaction 157-898****Contact**

**Contact Name:** jlmacbloom@aol.com  
**E-mail Address:** jlmacbloom@aol.com  
**Contact ID:** 119-594

**Interaction History**

**Media: E-mail. Received. From Contact: jlmacbloom@aol.com. Time: 1/15/2004 8:08:12 PM.**

**From:** jlmacbloom@aol.com  
**To:** Comments, DOT  
**Date:** Thursday, January 15, 2004 08:16 PM  
**Cc:** agsec@usda.gov; Animaltransport.rule@omb.eop.gov  
**Subject:** Please finalize the animals in transit on planes agreement

Dear Honorable Secretary Mineta, Honorable Secretary Veneman and Honorable OMB Director Bolton:

My family and I would sincerely appreciate it if the bill to protect and account for animals in transit were finalized. We strongly urge the final rule to be put in place to make airlines more accountable for incidents regarding **all** animals in their care.

We hope that communication between your three departments will be facilitated efficiently -- we have been waiting to see this take place for four years. Please help!

Respectfully,

Dr. Joyce Bloom and family  
17 Bogus Hill Road  
New Fairfield, CT 06812

**Assigned to: (None). By: System. Time: 1/15/2004 8:08:12 PM.**

**Auto acknowledgement sent. Time: 1/15/2004 8:08:12 PM.**



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## Interaction 157-909

### Contact

<b>Contact Name:</b>	JacquieFON@aol.com
<b>E-mail Address:</b>	JacquieFON@aol.com
<b>Contact ID:</b>	119-601

### Interaction History

**Media: E-mail. Received. From Contact: JacquieFON@aol.com. Time: 1/15/2004 9:03:07 PM.**

**From:** JacquieFON@aol.com  
**To:** Comments, DOT  
**Date:** Thursday, January 15, 2004 09:12 PM  
**Subject:** (no subject)

The Honorable Norma Mineta:

In the scheme of things the injury or death of animals transported on the airlines may seem to be unimportant.

Maybe if we show concern for animals we will be better able to care for our fellow humans.

Please demand that the airlines be required to follow the law passed in April of 2000 - reporting the injury or death of animals.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Jacquelin Fondy

**Assigned to: (None). By: System. Time: 1/15/2004 9:03:07 PM.**

**Auto acknowledgement sent. Time: 1/15/2004 9:03:07 PM.**

**From:** DotComments  
**To:** JacquieFON@aol.com

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## Interaction 157-920

### Contact

**Contact Name:** Evelyn Van Til  
**E-mail Address:** izzyrae@hotmail.com  
**Contact ID:** 119-610

### Interaction History

**Media: E-mail. Received. From Contact: Evelyn Van Til. Time: 1/15/2004 10:15:00 PM.**

**From:** Evelyn Van Til  
**To:** Comments, DOT; agsec@usda.gov; Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov  
**Date:** Thursday, January 15, 2004 10:10 PM  
**Subject:** Animals in Flight

Your Honors,

Please prioritize legislation regarding reporting animal incidents on airlines. I have animals and want to know an airlines' track record. This bill will also likely make airlines more accountable for their actions and prevent needless deaths.

Sincerely,  
Evelyn van Til  
Columbus, OH

**Assigned to: (None). By: System. Time: 1/15/2004 10:15:00 PM.**

**Auto acknowledgement sent. Time: 1/15/2004 10:15:00 PM.**

**From:** DotComments  
**To:** Evelyn Van Til  
**Date:** Thursday, January 15, 2004 10:15 PM  
**Subject:** {BTSTL#157-920}Animals in Flight

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**Interaction 157-900****Contact**

**Contact Name:** Shelly J Simpson  
**E-mail Address:** sjsimpson2000@yahoo.com  
**Contact ID:** 119-595

**Interaction History**

**Media: E-mail. Received. From Contact: Shelly J Simpson. Time: 1/15/2004 8:18:16 PM.**

**From:** Shelly J Simpson  
**To:** Comments, DOT; agsec@usda.gov; Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov  
**Date:** Thursday, January 15, 2004 08:23 PM  
**Subject:** ANIMAL INCIDENTS ON AIRLINES

I understand that Congress passed a law in April 2000 requiring airlines to report incidents of loss, injury or death to animals during commercial flights -- rather than just as lost baggage -- and requiring the Dept. of Transportation (DOT) to make these reports public on a monthly basis.

After publishing a draft and receiving thousands of letters from the public, the DOT issued its "final" rule in August to implement this reporting requirement. Although the DOT unfortunately decided on a narrow definition of "animal" (only covering companion animals), these reports will allow people to better gauge an airline's track record before deciding whether to fly their companion animals in cargo holds and, hopefully, make airlines more careful.

Now, nearly four years after the bill passed Congress, the final rule has not yet taken effect, due to foot-dragging and a lack of communication between DOT, the Department of Agriculture (USDA), and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to resolve minor details.

It's time to finish the rule and begin reporting on animal incidents as the law demands and the public expects. Please wrap up the process immediately so that airlines are more accountable for the treatment of animals in their care.

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**Interaction 157-910****Contact**

**Contact Name:** John Blankenship  
**E-mail Address:** johnbrelaxin@hotmail.com  
**Contact ID:** 034-825

**Interaction History**

**Media: E-mail. Received. From Contact: John Blankenship. Time: 1/15/2004 9:03:07 PM.**

**From:** John Blankenship  
**To:** Comments, DOT; agsec@usda.gov; Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov  
**Date:** Thursday, January 15, 2004 09:12 PM  
**Subject:** Hold Airlines accountable for animal incidents!

It is time you finish the rule and begin reporting on animal incidents as the law demands and the public expects. I urge you to wrap up the process immediately so that airlines are more accountable for the treatment of animals in their care.

Sincerely,

John Blankenship  
6627 1/2 Amherst St.  
San Diego, CA. 92115

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**Assigned to: (None). By: System. Time: 1/15/2004 9:03:08 PM.**

**Auto acknowledgement sent. Time: 1/15/2004 9:03:08 PM.**

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Shelly J Simpson  
[sjsimpson2000@yahoo.com](mailto:sjsimpson2000@yahoo.com)

**Assigned to: (None). By: System. Time: 1/15/2004 8:18:16 PM.**

**Auto acknowledgement sent. Time: 1/15/2004 8:18:16 PM.**

**From:** DotComments  
**To:** Shelly J Simpson  
**Date:** Thursday, January 15, 2004 08:18 PM  
**Subject:** {BTSTL#157-900}ANIMAL INCIDENTS ON AIRLINES

Dear DOT Customer:

Thank you for contacting the Department of Transportation. Your email has been forwarded to the National Transportation Library Reference Service in the Bureau of Transportation Statistics. This is to acknowledge that we received your email message on Jan 15 2004 8:18PM. Your tracking number for this inquiry is 157900 .

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Sincerely,

Reference Service Staff  
National Transportation Library  
Bureau of Transportation Statistics  
U.S. Department of Transportation

-----Original Message-----

From: Shelly J Simpson [[sjsimpson2000@yahoo.com](mailto:sjsimpson2000@yahoo.com)]  
Sent: Thursday, Jan 15 2004 8:23PM  
To: Comments, DOT [[DOT.Comments@ost.dot.gov](mailto:DOT.Comments@ost.dot.gov)]; [agsec@usda.gov](mailto:agsec@usda.gov) [[agsec@usda.gov](mailto:agsec@usda.gov)];  
[Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov](mailto:Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov) [[Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov](mailto:Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov)]  
Subject: ANIMAL INCIDENTS ON AIRLINES

I understand that Congress passed a law in April 2000 requiring airlines to report incidents of loss, injury or death to animals during commercial flights -- rather than just as lost baggage -- and requiring the Dept. of Transportation (DOT) to make these reports public on a monthly basis.

After publishing a draft and receiving thousands of letters from the

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## Interaction 157-922

### Contact

**Contact Name:** Dinda Evans  
**E-mail Address:** dindamcp4@yahoo.com  
**Contact ID:** 040-489

### Interaction History

**Media: E-mail. Received. From Contact: Dinda Evans. Time: 1/15/2004 10:30:02 PM.**

**From:** Dinda Evans  
**To:** Comments, DOT; agsec@usda.gov; Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov  
**Date:** Thursday, January 15, 2004 10:31 PM  
**Subject:** Please that airlines are more accountable for the treatment of animals in their care.

Nearly four years after the bill passed Congress, the final rule has not yet taken effect, thanks to agency foot-dragging and a lack of communication between DOT, the Department of Agriculture (USDA), and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to resolve minor details. It's time they finish the rule and begin reporting on animal incidents as the law demands and the public expects.

Congress passed a law in April 2000 requiring airlines to report incidents of loss, injury or death to animals during commercial flights -- rather than just as lost baggage; and requiring the Dept. of Transportation (DOT) to make these reports public on a monthly basis. After publishing a draft and receiving thousands of letters from the public, DOT issued its final rule in August to implement this reporting requirement

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## Interaction 157-933

### Contact

**Contact Name:** deborah van damme  
**E-mail Address:** natali100@yahoo.com  
**Contact ID:** 119-615

### Interaction History

**Media: E-mail. Received. From Contact: deborah van damme. Time: 1/15/2004 11:28:08 PM.**

**From:** deborah van damme  
**To:** Comments, DOT  
**Date:** Thursday, January 15, 2004 11:35 PM  
**Subject:** Airlines Accountability for Animals

The Honorable Norman Mineta  
Secretary of Transportation  
I urge you to DEMAND that airlines be more accountable for the treatment of animals in their care.  
Sincerely,  
Deborah S. Van Damme  
2614 Belvoir  
San Antonio, TX. 78230  
(210) 567-5709

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**Assigned to: (None). By: System. Time: 1/15/2004 11:28:08 PM.**

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**From:** DotComments  
**To:** deborah van damme

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## Interaction 157-938

### Contact

**Contact Name:** Tracyinfo@aol.com  
**E-mail Address:** Tracyinfo@aol.com  
**Contact ID:** 119-619

### Interaction History

**Media: E-mail. Received. From Contact: Tracyinfo@aol.com. Time: 1/16/2004 12:03:04 AM.**

**From:** Tracyinfo@aol.com  
**To:** Comments, DOT; agsec@usda.gov; Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov  
**Date:** Friday, January 16, 2004 12:09 AM  
**Subject:** report incidents of loss, injury or death to animals during flights

It's time you finish the rule and begin reporting on animal incidents as the law demands and the public expects. Please wrap up the process immediately so that airlines are more accountable for the treatment of animals in their care,

Sincerely,  
Tracy Ewing  
308 Heathcliff Dr  
Pacifica CA 94044

**Assigned to: (None). By: System. Time: 1/16/2004 12:03:04 AM.**

**Auto acknowledgement sent. Time: 1/16/2004 12:03:04 AM.**

**From:** DotComments  
**To:** Tracyinfo@aol.com  
**Date:** Friday, January 16, 2004 12:03 AM  
**Subject:** {BTSTL#157-938}report incidents of loss, injury or death to animals during flights



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**Interaction 157-939****Contact**

**Contact Name:** EeeMCee@cs.com  
**E-mail Address:** EeeMCee@cs.com  
**Contact ID:** 119-620

**Interaction History**

**Media: E-mail. Received. From Contact: EeeMCee@cs.com. Time: 1/16/2004 12:03:04 AM.**

**From:** EeeMCee@cs.com  
**To:** Comments, DOT  
**Date:** Friday, January 16, 2004 12:09 AM  
**Subject:** Mr Minetta: please push the final action to make it MANDITORY---

I'm an older single person with companion animals (dogs) and without a sound manner of determining if an airline can properly care for my dog, I am unwilling to take the dog with me--and therefore will not fly! In this day of high tech, there is no reason that a record of all neglect and/or mistreatment of animals should not be readily available.

Sincerely;

M. Rogers

**Assigned to: (None). By: System. Time: 1/16/2004 12:03:05 AM.**

**Auto acknowledgement sent. Time: 1/16/2004 12:03:05 AM.**

**From:** DotComments  
**To:** EeeMCee@cs.com

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**Interaction 157-946****Contact**

**Contact Name:** JAYNE KASZAS  
**E-mail Address:** JAYNEKASZAS@peoplepc.com  
**Contact ID:** 119-626

**Interaction History**

**Media: E-mail. Received. From Contact: JAYNE KASZAS. Time: 1/16/2004 1:00:02 AM.**

**From:** JAYNE KASZAS  
**To:** Comments, DOT; agsec@usda.gov; Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov  
**Date:** Friday, January 16, 2004 01:00 AM  
**Subject:** Animals on Airlines

The Honorable Norman Mineta  
Secretary of Transportation

The Honorable Ann Veneman  
Secretary of Agriculture

The Honorable Joshua Bolton  
Director  
Office of Management and Budget

Dear Government Officials:

Congress passed a law in April 2000 requiring airlines to report incidents of loss, injury or death to animals during commercial flights, rather than just as lost baggage, and requiring the Department of Transportation (DOT) to make these reports public on a monthly basis. After publishing a draft and receiving thousands of letters from the public, DOT issued its "final" rule in August to implement this reporting requirement. Although DOT unfortunately decided on a narrow definition of "animal" (only covering companion animals), these reports will allow people to better gauge an airline's track record before deciding whether to fly their companion animals in cargo holds and, we hope, make airlines more careful.

Nearly four years after the bill passed Congress, the final rule has not yet taken effect, thanks to agency foot-dragging and a lack of communication between DOT, the Department of

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**Interaction 157-961****Contact**

**Contact Name:** LMuzik8@aol.com  
**E-mail Address:** LMuzik8@aol.com  
**Contact ID:** 119-634

**Interaction History**

**Media: E-mail. Received. From Contact: LMuzik8@aol.com. Time: 1/16/2004 3:15:00 AM.**

**From:** LMuzik8@aol.com  
**To:** Comments, DOT  
**Date:** Friday, January 16, 2004 03:18 AM  
**Subject:** Report Animal Incidents

Please stick to the law passed and report animal incidents as the law demands and as the public expects so that airlines are more accountable for the treatment of animals in their care. Thank you.

**Assigned to: (None). By: System. Time: 1/16/2004 3:15:00 AM.**

**Auto acknowledgement sent. Time: 1/16/2004 3:15:00 AM.**

**From:** DotComments  
**To:** LMuzik8@aol.com  
**Date:** Friday, January 16, 2004 03:15 AM  
**Subject:** {BTSTL#157-961}Report Animal Incidents

Dear DOT Customer:

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## Interaction 157-964

### Contact

**Contact Name:** Marta Brockmeyer  
**E-mail Address:** martabrockmeyer@hotmail.com  
**Contact ID:** 119-637

### Interaction History

**Media: E-mail. Received. From Contact: Marta Brockmeyer. Time: 1/16/2004 4:00:02 AM.**

**From:** Marta Brockmeyer  
**To:** Comments, DOT  
**Date:** Friday, January 16, 2004 03:58 AM  
**Subject:** animal transport

Dear Sec. Mineta,

I encourage you to make public monthly reports of loss, injury or death to animals. The inhumane, largely invisible practices of air carriers must be shared with the public.

Thank you,  
Marta A. Brockmeyer, Ph.D.

Helping nonprofits achieve their goals through planning, project management and training.

859.581.7089  
553 E. 4th Street  
Newport, KY 41071  
[marta@martabrockmeyer.com](mailto:marta@martabrockmeyer.com)

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**Assigned to: (None). By: System. Time: 1/16/2004 4:00:02 AM.**

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**Interaction 157-926****Contact**

**Contact Name:** SUE TOLSTAD  
**E-mail Address:** rphtolstad@yahoo.com  
**Contact ID:** 119-612

**Interaction History**

**Media: E-mail. Received. From Contact: SUE TOLSTAD. Time: 1/15/2004 11:15:00 PM.**

**From:** SUE TOLSTAD  
**To:** Comments, DOT  
**Date:** Thursday, January 15, 2004 11:19 PM  
**Subject:** ANIMAL INCIDENTS ON AIRLINES STILL NOT BEING REPORTED

Dear Sir;

Congress passed a law in April 2000 requiring airlines to report incidents of loss, injury or death to animals during commercial flights -- rather than just as lost baggage -- and requiring the Dept. of Transportation (DOT) to make these reports public on a monthly basis. After publishing a draft and receiving thousands of letters from the public, DOT issued its "final" rule in August to implement this reporting requirement. Although DOT unfortunately decided on a narrow definition of "animal" (only covering companion animals), these reports will allow people to better gauge an airline's track record before deciding whether to fly their companion animals in cargo holds and, we hope, make airlines more careful. (For more information on this rule, see : [www.hsus.org/ace/19581](http://www.hsus.org/ace/19581) .)

Nearly four years after the bill passed Congress, the final rule has not yet taken effect, thanks to agency foot-dragging and a lack of communication between DOT, the Department of Agriculture (USDA), and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to resolve minor details. It's time they finish the rule and begin reporting on animal incidents as the law demands and the public expects. Please contact the following and urge them to wrap up the process immediately so that airlines are more accountable for the treatment of animals in their care.

Sue Tolstad

w187 s6484 Gold Dr

Muskego, wi 53150

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**Assigned to: (None). By: System. Time: 1/15/2004 11:15:01 PM.**

**Auto acknowledgement sent. Time: 1/15/2004 11:15:01 PM.**

**From:** DotComments  
**To:** SUE TOLSTAD  
**Date:** Thursday, January 15, 2004 11:15 PM  
**Subject:** {BTSTL#157-926}ANIMAL INCIDENTS ON AIRLINES STILL NOT BEING REPORTED

Dear DOT Customer:

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Sincerely,

Reference Service Staff  
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Bureau of Transportation Statistics  
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-----Original Message-----

From: SUE TOLSTAD [rphtolstad@yahoo.com]  
Sent: Thursday, Jan 15 2004 11:19PM  
To: Comments, DOT [DOT.Comments@ost.dot.gov]  
Subject: ANIMAL INCIDENTS ON AIRLINES STILL NOT BEING REPORTED

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## Interaction 157-935

### Contact

**Contact Name:** kathern mobley  
**E-mail Address:** kathern1968@yahoo.com  
**Contact ID:** 119-617

### Interaction History

**Media: E-mail. Received. From Contact: kathern mobley. Time: 1/15/2004 11:45:00 PM.**

**From:** kathern mobley  
**To:** Comments, DOT  
**Date:** Thursday, January 15, 2004 11:48 PM  
**Cc:** agsec@usda.gov; animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov  
**Subject:** animal rights on airlines

Dear Honorable Norman Mineta,  
Honorable Ann Veneman,  
Honorable Joshua Bolton,

I just finished reading this.....**ANIMAL INCIDENTS ON AIRLINES STILL NOT BEING REPORTED:**

Congress passed a law in April 2000 requiring airlines to report incidents of loss, injury or death to animals during commercial flights -- rather than just as lost baggage -- and requiring the Dept. of Transportation (DOT) to make these reports public on a monthly basis. After publishing a draft and receiving thousands of letters from the public, DOT issued its "final" rule in August to implement this reporting requirement. Although DOT unfortunately decided on a narrow definition of "animal" (only covering companion animals), these reports will allow people to better gauge an airline's track record before deciding whether to fly their companion animals in cargo holds and, we hope, make airlines more careful. (For more information on this rule, see : [www.hsus.org/ace/19581](http://www.hsus.org/ace/19581) .)

### **WHAT YOU CAN DO:**

Nearly four years after the bill passed Congress, the final rule has not yet taken effect, thanks to agency foot-dragging and a lack of communication between DOT, the Department of Agriculture (USDA), and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to resolve minor details. It's time they finish the rule and begin reporting on animal incidents as the law

demands and the public expects. Please contact the following and urge them to wrap up the process immediately so that airlines are more accountable for the treatment of animals in their care.

I am upset that laws are not being put into effect . Please take care of this matter. I am forwarding this article on to everyone I know and i will urge them to email you as well. You are put in your positions to help and it seems to me that you are dropping the ball.  
FIX THIS PROBLEM!!!!

thank you and God Bless,  
kathy mobley  
13065 n river grove dr  
columbus, Indiana 47203  
[kathern1968@yahoo.com](mailto:kathern1968@yahoo.com)

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**From:** DotComments  
**To:** kathern mobley  
**Date:** Thursday, January 15, 2004 11:45 PM  
**Subject:** {BTSTL#157-935}animal rights on airlines

Dear DOT Customer:

Thank you for contacting the Department of Transportation. Your email has been forwarded to the National Transportation Library Reference Service in the Bureau of Transportation Statistics. This is to acknowledge that we received your email message on Jan 15 2004 11:45PM. Your tracking number for this inquiry is 157935 .

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Sincerely,

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U.S. Department of Transportation



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## Interaction 157-941

### Contact

**Contact Name:** Allen Coleman  
**E-mail Address:** ninipiandallen@yahoo.com  
**Contact ID:** 119-622

### Interaction History

**Media:** E-mail. Received. From Contact: Allen Coleman. Time: 1/16/2004 12:13:06 AM.

**From:** Allen Coleman  
**To:** Comments, DOT  
**Date:** Friday, January 16, 2004 12:19 AM  
**Subject:** ANIMALS ON AIRLINES

Mr. Mineta,

Nearly four years after Congress passed a law in April 2000 requiring airlines to report incidents of loss, injury or death to animals during commercial flights -- rather than just as lost baggage - and requiring the Dept. of Transportation (DOT) to make these reports public on a monthly basis, the final rule has not yet taken effect, thanks to agency foot-dragging and a lack of communication between DOT, the Department of Agriculture (USDA), and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to resolve minor details. It's time they finish the rule and begin reporting on animal incidents as the law demands and the public expects. After publishing a draft and receiving thousands of letters from the public, DOT issued its "final" rule in August to implement this reporting requirement. Although DOT unfortunately decided on a narrow definition of "animal" (only covering companion animals), these reports will allow people to better gauge an airline's track record before deciding whether to fly their companion animals in cargo holds and, we hope, make airlines more careful.

*Please* urge the DOT, USDA, and the OMB to wrap up the process immediately so that airlines are more accountable for the treatment of animals in their care.

Sincerely,

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Bryant  
Pelzer, Sc 29669

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**Assigned to: (None). By: System. Time: 1/16/2004 12:13:06 AM.**

**Auto acknowledgement sent. Time: 1/16/2004 12:13:07 AM.**

**From:** DotComments  
**To:** Allen Coleman  
**Date:** Friday, January 16, 2004 12:13 AM  
**Subject:** {BTSTL#157-941}ANIMALS ON AIRLINES

Dear DOT Customer:

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Sincerely,

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National Transportation Library  
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-----Original Message-----

From: Allen Coleman [niniapiandallen@yahoo.com]  
Sent: Friday, Jan 16 2004 12:19AM  
To: Comments, DOT [DOT.Comments@ost.dot.gov]  
Subject: ANIMALS ON AIRLINES

Mr. Mineta,

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**Interaction 157-946****Contact**

**Contact Name:** JAYNE KASZAS  
**E-mail Address:** JAYNEKASZAS@peoplepc.com  
**Contact ID:** 119-626

**Interaction History**

**Media: E-mail. Received. From Contact: JAYNE KASZAS. Time: 1/16/2004 1:00:02 AM.**

**From:** JAYNE KASZAS  
**To:** Comments, DOT; agsec@usda.gov; Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov  
**Date:** Friday, January 16, 2004 01:00 AM  
**Subject:** Animals on Airlines

The Honorable Norman Mineta  
Secretary of Transportation

The Honorable Ann Veneman  
Secretary of Agriculture

The Honorable Joshua Bolton  
Director  
Office of Management and Budget

Dear Government Officials:

Congress passed a law in April 2000 requiring airlines to report incidents of loss, injury or death to animals during commercial flights, rather than just as lost baggage, and requiring the Department of Transportation (DOT) to make these reports public on a monthly basis. After publishing a draft and receiving thousands of letters from the public, DOT issued its "final" rule in August to implement this reporting requirement. Although DOT unfortunately decided on a narrow definition of "animal" (only covering companion animals), these reports will allow people to better gauge an airline's track record before deciding whether to fly their companion animals in cargo holds and, we hope, make airlines more careful.

Nearly four years after the bill passed Congress, the final rule has not yet taken effect, thanks to agency foot-dragging and a lack of communication between DOT, the Department of

Agriculture (USDA), and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to resolve minor details. It's time you finish the rule and begin reporting on animal incidents as the law demands and the public expects.

I am writing to urge you to wrap up the process immediately so that airlines are more accountable for the treatment of animals in their care.  
Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jayne Kaszas  
Apartment 4F  
41-44 Parsons Boulevard  
Flushing, NY 11355-1948

**Assigned to: (None). By: System. Time: 1/16/2004 1:00:03 AM.**

**Auto acknowledgement sent. Time: 1/16/2004 1:00:03 AM.**

**From:** DotComments  
**To:** JAYNE KASZAS  
**Date:** Friday, January 16, 2004 01:00 AM  
**Subject:** {BTSTL#157-946}Animals on Airlines

Dear DOT Customer:

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Sincerely,

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From: JAYNE KASZAS [JAYNEKASZAS@peoplepc.com]  
Sent: Friday, Jan 16 2004 1:00AM

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## Interaction 157-960

### Contact

<b>Contact Name:</b>	Talia Kowitt
<b>E-mail Address:</b>	tkowitt@yahoo.com
<b>Contact ID:</b>	119-633

### Interaction History

**Media: E-mail. Received. From Contact: Talia Kowitt. Time: 1/16/2004 3:00:02 AM.**

**From:** Talia Kowitt  
**To:** Comments, DOT; agsec@usda.gov; Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov  
**Date:** Friday, January 16, 2004 03:04 AM  
**Subject:** Reports of incidents death to animals during commercial flights

To whom it may concern,

Congress passed a law in April 2000 requiring airlines to report incidents of loss, injury or death to animals during commercial flights -- rather than just as lost baggage -- and requiring the Dept. of Transportation (DOT) to make these reports public on a monthly basis. After publishing a draft and receiving thousands of letters from the public, DOT issued its "final" rule in August to implement this reporting requirement. Although DOT unfortunately decided on a narrow definition of "animal" (only covering companion animals), these reports will allow people to better gauge an airline's track record before deciding whether to fly their companion animals in cargo holds and, we hope, make airlines more careful.

Nearly four years after the bill passed Congress, the final rule has not yet taken effect, thanks to agency foot-dragging and a lack of communication between DOT, the Department of Agriculture (USDA), and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to resolve minor details. It's time they finish the rule and begin reporting on animal incidents as the law demands and the public expects. Please wrap up the process immediately so that airlines are more accountable for the treatment of animals in their care.

Thank you,

Sincerely,

T. Kowitt.

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**Assigned to: (None). By: System. Time: 1/16/2004 3:00:02 AM.**

**Auto acknowledgement sent. Time: 1/16/2004 3:00:03 AM.**

**From:** DotComments  
**To:** Talia Kowitt  
**Date:** Friday, January 16, 2004 03:00 AM  
**Subject:** {BTSTL#157-960}Reports of incidents death to animals during commercial flights

Dear DOT Customer:

Thank you for contacting the Department of Transportation. Your email has been forwarded to the National Transportation Library Reference Service in the Bureau of Transportation Statistics. This is to acknowledge that we received your email message on Jan 16 2004 3:00AM. Your tracking number for this inquiry is 157960 .

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Sincerely,

Reference Service Staff  
National Transportation Library  
Bureau of Transportation Statistics  
U.S. Department of Transportation

-----Original Message-----

From: Talia Kowitt [tkowitt@yahoo.com]  
Sent: Friday, Jan 16 2004 3:04AM  
To: Comments, DOT [DOT.Comments@ost.dot.gov]; agsec@usda.gov [agsec@usda.gov];  
Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov [Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov]  
Subject: Reports of incidents death to animals during commercial flights

To whom it may concern,

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**Interaction 157-993****Contact**

**Contact Name:** Donna K Hanneken  
**E-mail Address:** donna.k.hanneken@boeing.com  
**Contact ID:** 119-663

**Interaction History**

**Media: E-mail. Received. From Contact: Donna K Hanneken. Time: 1/16/2004 8:30:21 AM.**

**From:** Donna K Hanneken  
**To:** Comments, DOT; agsec@usda.gov  
**Date:** Friday, January 16, 2004 08:36 AM  
**Cc:** Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov  
**Subject:** ANIMAL INCIDENTS ON AIRLINES STILL NOT BEING REPORTED

Nearly four years after the bill passed Congress, the final rule has not yet taken effect, thanks to agency foot-dragging and a lack of communication between DOT, the Department of Agriculture (USDA), and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to resolve minor details. It's time they finish the rule and begin reporting on animal incidents as the law demands and the public expects. Please contact the following and urge them to wrap up the process immediately so that airlines are more accountable for the treatment of animals in their care.

Why is this taking so long? Why isn't all animals covered? Are some considered more important than others? All animals feel and can die!

**Assigned to: (None). By: System. Time: 1/16/2004 8:30:21 AM.**

**Auto acknowledgement sent. Time: 1/16/2004 8:30:21 AM.**

**From:** DotComments

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## Interaction 157-992

### Contact

**Contact Name:** thierry.vuolo@excite.com  
**E-mail Address:** thierry.vuolo@excite.com  
**Contact ID:** 119-662

### Interaction History

**Media: E-mail. Received. From Contact: thierry.vuolo@excite.com. Time: 1/16/2004 8:30:18 AM.**

**From:** thierry.vuolo@excite.com  
**To:** Comments, DOT; agsec@usda.gov; Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov  
**Date:** Friday, January 16, 2004 08:36 AM  
**Subject:** Protect Animals in Transport

The Honorable Norman Mineta:

The Honorable Ann Veneman:

The Honorable Joshua Bolton:

Good Day,

I am humbly requesting that you help in finishing the rule requiring airlines to report the loss or injury or death of animals during commercial flights and begin reporting on animal incidents as the law demands and the public expects. I urge you to wrap up the process immediately so that airlines are more accountable for the treatment of animals in their care.

Congress passed a law in April 2000 requiring airlines to report such incidents rather than report these cases as merely lost baggage – and requiring the Dept. of Transportation (DOT) to make these reports



public on a monthly basis.

After publishing a draft and receiving thousands of letters from the public, DOT issued its "final" rule in August to implement this reporting requirement. Although DOT unfortunately decided on a narrow definition of "animal" (only covering companion animals), these reports will allow people to better gauge an airline's track record before deciding whether to fly their companion animals in cargo holds and, we hope, make airlines more careful and accountable.

After nearly four years since the bill has passed Congress, the final rule has not yet taken effect thanks to agency foot-dragging and a lack of communication between DOT, the Department of Agriculture and the Office of Management and Budget to resolve minor details.

You have the power and ability to complete this work and assist our animals when traveling.

Sincerely,

Ralph and Theresa Vuolo

New York, NY 10128

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**Auto acknowledgement sent. Time: 1/16/2004 8:30:20 AM.**

**From:** DotComments  
**To:** thierry.vuolo@excite.com  
**Date:** Friday, January 16, 2004 08:30 AM  
**Subject:** {BTSTL#157-992}Protect Animals in Transport

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**Interaction 157-989****Contact**

**Contact Name:** Benjamin Domingo  
**E-mail Address:** domingbj@morrisville.edu  
**Contact ID:** 119-659

**Interaction History**

**Media: E-mail. Received. From Contact: Benjamin Domingo. Time: 1/16/2004 8:30:06 AM.**

**From:** Benjamin Domingo  
**To:** Comments, DOT  
**Date:** Friday, January 16, 2004 08:31 AM  
**Subject:** Animals on Airplanes

Dear Honorable Norman Mineta:

Nearly four years after the bill passed Congress, the final rule has not yet taken effect, thanks to agency foot-dragging and a lack of communication between DOT, the Department of Agriculture (USDA), and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to resolve minor details. It's time they finish the rule and begin reporting on animal incidents as the law demands and the public expects. Please wrap up the process immediately so that airlines are more accountable for the treatment of animals in their care.

Thanks for taking the time to listen.

Benjamin J. Domingo, FNP, MS

Director of Health Service

Morrisville State College

PO Box 901

Morrisville, NY 13408

(315) 684-6078

**Assigned to: (None). By: System. Time: 1/16/2004 8:30:06 AM.**

**Auto acknowledgement sent. Time: 1/16/2004 8:30:07 AM.**

**From:** DotComments  
**To:** Benjamin Domingo  
**Date:** Friday, January 16, 2004 08:30 AM  
**Subject:** {BTSTL#157-989}Animals on Airplanes

Dear DOT Customer:

Thank you for contacting the Department of Transportation. Your email has been forwarded to the National Transportation Library Reference Service in the Bureau of Transportation Statistics. This is to acknowledge that we received your email message on Jan 16 2004 8:30AM. Your tracking number for this inquiry is 157989 .

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Sincerely,

Reference Service Staff  
National Transportation Library  
Bureau of Transportation Statistics  
U.S. Department of Transportation

-----Original Message-----

From: Benjamin Domingo [[domingbj@morrisville.edu](mailto:domingbj@morrisville.edu)]  
Sent: Friday, Jan 16 2004 8:31AM  
To: Comments, DOT [[DOT.Comments@ost.dot.gov](mailto:DOT.Comments@ost.dot.gov)]  
Subject: Animals on Airplanes

Dear Honorable Norman Mineta:

Nearly four years after the bill passed Congress, the final rule has not yet taken effect, thanks to agency foot-dragging and a lack of communication between DOT, the Department of Agriculture (USDA), and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to resolve minor details. It's

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**Interaction 157-969****Contact**

**Contact Name:** Sasha Singer  
**E-mail Address:** s2s2@earthlink.net  
**Contact ID:** 119-641

**Interaction History**

**Media:** E-mail. Received. From Contact: Sasha Singer. Time: 1/16/2004 4:33:04 AM.

**From:** Sasha Singer  
**To:** Comments, DOT  
**Date:** Friday, January 16, 2004 04:41 AM  
**Subject:** please help

dear sir or madam:

i am active in animal rescue. also, i have 3 lovely cats in my home.

i need to relocate and fly my animals to another city; however, the airlines are not safe. the animals are put with the baggage which does not have air pressure control.

my goodness! my babies could be killed.

don't you have animals that you love? please help. we can't do it without your assistance. it's bad enough air traffic control was destroyed back in the 70's when the budget was cut. i'm terrified to fly as it is. i certainly don't want to jeopardize the health and safety of my domestic animals.

thank you for your anticipated assistance and consideration regarding the foregoing, i remain

very truly yours,  
s. singer

Sasha Singer  
s2s2@earthlink.net  
Why Wait? Move to EarthLink.

**Interaction 157-975****Contact**

**Contact Name:** DebAviary@aol.com  
**E-mail Address:** DebAviary@aol.com  
**Contact ID:** 119-647

**Interaction History**

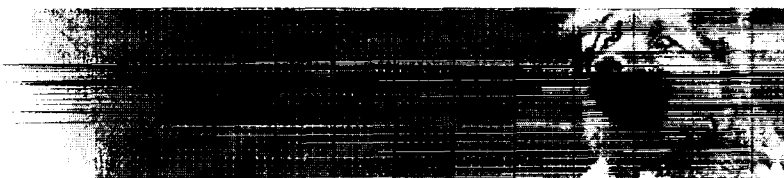
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**From:** DebAviary@aol.com  
**To:** Comments, DOT; agsec@usda.gov; Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov  
**Date:** Friday, January 16, 2004 06:18 AM  
**Cc:** DebAviary@aol.com  
**Subject:** Shipping Animals

*Honorable Sirs and Madam,*

*This email is in response to a HSUS email regarding non reporting of Animal incidents on the airlines.*

**HUMANelines...**



**Issue 279 --- January 15, 2004**

**A Project of The Humane Society of the United States and The Fund for Animals**

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**ANIMAL INCIDENTS ON AIRLINES STILL NOT BEING REPORTED:**

Congress passed a law in April 2000 requiring airlines to report incidents of loss, injury or death of animals during commercial flights -- rather than just as lost baggage -- and requiring the Dept. of Transportation (DOT) to make these reports public on a monthly basis. After publishing a draft rule receiving thousands of letters from the public, DOT issued its "final" rule in August to implement the reporting requirement. Although DOT unfortunately decided on a narrow definition of "animal" (covering only companion animals), these reports will allow people to better gauge an airline's track record before deciding whether to fly their companion animals in cargo holds and, we hope, make airlines

careful. (For more information on this rule, see : [www.hsus.org/ace/19581](http://www.hsus.org/ace/19581) .)

*I am a "known shipper" with the airlines transporting birds from my aviary to the pet stores continental United States. I and my associates have been transporting professionally for quite a few years using US Airways, Continental and Delta. None of us have had any incidents with the airlines.*

*Shipping can be done very safely while staying within the guidelines. Not shipping when the temperature is below 45 degrees and not higher than 85 degrees, using the correct size carrier, feeding and watering appropriately and choosing the correct time of day to meet the temperature requirements of the animal you are transporting. If a day is going to be a hot one I'll ship out at 5am to beat the heat and if the day is going to be on the cool/cold side I'll ship during the part of the day for the animals' comfort. Doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure this out. Show counter to counter, last on and first off rounds off the shipping care needed to ship safely.*

*Thank you for reading this email and I hope that it helps. Deborah*

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**Date:** Friday, January 16, 2004 06:08 AM  
**Subject:** {BTSTL#157-975}Shipping Animals

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## Interaction 158-017

### Contact

**Contact Name:** Jane Mills  
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**Contact ID:** 119-678

### Interaction History

**Media: E-mail. Received. From Contact: Jane Mills. Time: 1/16/2004 9:53:07 AM.**

**From:** Jane Mills  
**To:** Comments, DOT  
**Date:** Friday, January 16, 2004 10:00 AM  
**Subject:** Animal Incidents on Airlines

I am writing as a concerned citizen regarding the lack of reporting regarding animals which are loss or injury on airlines. It seems that airlines still treat this matter as a "lost baggage" report, whether than giving it the attention is so greatly demands. Even though Congress passed a law in April 2000 requiring that airlines report these incidents to the DOT, they do not.

I implore you to take action to require airlines to report the incidents of loss, injured or killed animals when on an airline. Animals have a right to be treated with dignity, and without the backing of the DOT, this will not take place.

Please hold the airlines accountable for their actions in this regard.

Thank you,

Jane M. Mills

11503 Warner Drive

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**Interaction 159-010****Contact**

**Contact Name:** Louis Pizzini  
**E-mail Address:** loupizzini@worldnet.att.net  
**Contact ID:** 120-385

**Interaction History****E-mail received from Contact Louis Pizzini on January 19 2004, 08:33 PM**

**From:** Louis Pizzini  
**To:** Comments, DOT  
**Date:** Monday, January 19, 2004 08:40 PM  
**Subject:** Animal Incidents On Airlines Still Not Being Reported

January 19, 2004

Please wrap up the process immediately so that airlines are more accountable for the treatment of animals in their care. Please stop the foot-dragging and lack of communication between DOT and OMB so that the airlines are made accountable for the treatment of animals in their care. It has been nearly four years after the bill passed Congress. It is time for the final rule to take effect!

Sincerely,

Dr. Louis C. Pizzini



**Interaction 158-019****Contact**

**Contact Name:** Barry Cornell  
**E-mail Address:** barry-c@pacbell.net  
**Contact ID:** 119-680

**Interaction History**

**Media: E-mail. Received. From Contact: Barry Cornell. Time: 1/16/2004 9:58:09 AM.**

**From:** Barry Cornell  
**To:** Comments, DOT  
**Date:** Friday, January 16, 2004 10:03 AM  
**Subject:** Animal Incidents on Airlines Bill

The Honorable Norman Mineta, Secretary of Transportation:

I am dismayed and disappointed that the bill that Congress passed nearly four years ago requiring airlines to report incidents of loss, injury or death to animals during commercial flights -- rather than just as lost baggage -- and requiring the Dept. of Transportation (DOT) to make these reports public on a monthly basis, still has not been implemented. As a frequent airline traveler and one of the millions of owners of companion animals here in the United States, I find this situation unacceptable.

Please do what is necessary to eliminate the "red tape" and bring this process of implementing this law to completion.

Thank you very much for your urgent consideration of this matter.

Regards,  
Barry Cornell

**Assigned to: (None). By: System. Time: 1/16/2004 9:58:09 AM.**

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**Interaction 159-002****Contact**

**Contact Name:** Linda  
**E-mail Address:** linda@beautifulamericapub.com  
**Contact ID:** 120-379

**Interaction History****E-mail received from Contact Linda on January 19 2004, 07:53 PM**

**From:** Linda  
**To:** Comments, DOT  
**Date:** Monday, January 19, 2004 08:00 PM  
**Subject:** Animal Transport Reporting Requirement

The Honorable Norman Mineta,

The law requiring commercial airlines to keep records and report on the numbers when it comes to animal loss, injuries, and deaths during commercial flights has not been finalized. The final rule has not yet taken effect, apparently because the three agencies involved (DOT, USDA & OMB) are moving extremely slowly in resolving minor details and are not communicating with one another. It has been almost 4 years since Congress passed the law requiring this reporting, and the process must be finalized immediately. Consumers have the right to know the track record of the various airlines when it comes to transporting animals. Airlines must be held accountable. The reporting requirement must be put into effect now.

Thank you for anything you can do to make this happen immediately.

Sincerely,  
Beverly A. Paul  
President

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**Interaction 158-010****Contact**

**Contact Name:** Malcolm Kenton  
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**Contact ID:** 119-673

**Interaction History**

**Media:** E-mail. Received. From Contact: Malcolm Kenton. Time: 1/16/2004 9:18:17 AM.

**From:** Malcolm Kenton  
**To:** Comments, DOT; agsec@usda.gov; Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov  
**Date:** Friday, January 16, 2004 09:25 AM  
**Subject:** Start Holding Airlines Accountable for Treatment of Animals

Dear Sirs,

I urge you to begin wrapping up the process of finalizing enforcement of the new law to require airlines to report incidents of loss, injury or death of animals on flights in a category other than "lost baggage." Your three agencies have been stuck trying to resolve minor details in the law's enforcement since Congress passed it in April 2000. It is time to begin enforcing the new law so that airlines are held accountable for suffering caused to animals in their temporary care.

I am disappointed that the final version of the law defines "animal" only to include companion animals. All sentient beings deserve to be treated humanely in transport and to have a higher classification than ordinary baggage. Despite the narrow definition, this rule is still needed to ensure that companion animals are safe on flights. Thank you for your immediate action on this issue. I would appreciate a response.

Sincerely,

Mr. Malcolm Kenton  
3410-D Northline Ave.  
Greensboro, NC 27410-4840

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**Interaction 158-013****Contact**

**Contact Name:** DustyA@aol.com  
**E-mail Address:** DustyA@aol.com  
**Contact ID:** 119-675

**Interaction History**

**Media: E-mail. Received. From Contact: DustyA@aol.com. Time: 1/16/2004 9:45:02 AM.**

**From:** DustyA@aol.com  
**To:** Comments, DOT; agsec@usda.gov; Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov  
**Date:** Friday, January 16, 2004 09:45 AM  
**Subject:** Airlines Reporting Animal Incidents

**Honorable Mineta, Veneman & Bolton,**

**It has been nearly four years since the bill passed Congress requiring airlines to report all incidents involving animals. Yet, the final rule has not yet taken effect. With all due respect, why???**

**Please wrap up the process immediately so that airlines are held accountable for the treatment of animals in their care. Animals are considered loving members of many families and deserve the best care and treatment. They are also paying customers.**

**Thank you for your attention to this matter.**

**Sincerely,**

Dusty A. Spitler  
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928.717.1346  
DustyA@aol.com

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**Interaction 158-014****Contact**

**Contact Name:** Lydia Steinhardt  
**E-mail Address:** lydia.steinhardt@yale.edu  
**Contact ID:** 119-676

**Interaction History**

**Media: E-mail. Received. From Contact: Lydia Steinhardt. Time: 1/16/2004 9:45:03 AM.**

**From:** Lydia Steinhardt  
**To:** Comments, DOT; agsec@usda.gov; Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov  
**Date:** Friday, January 16, 2004 09:48 AM  
**Subject:** Inhumanity vs. Humane Treatment

Dear Norman Mineta, Ann Veneman, and Joshua Bolten:

We all know what is right and wrong don't we? What is there to say except you are in POWER so utilize it morally. Get it together DOT, USDA and OMB. Resolve minor details regarding reporting on animal incidents as the law. I think that this would enforce more conscience-raising awareness.

Personally, I cannot believe that we have to fight for these poor helpless creatures. Aren't there any humane people in your offices???

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**Interaction 158-015****Contact**

**Contact Name:** Heidi Arp-Adams  
**E-mail Address:** HeidiA@sjhs.org  
**Contact ID:** 119-677

**Interaction History**

**Media: E-mail. Received. From Contact: Heidi Arp-Adams. Time: 1/16/2004 9:48:03 AM.**

**From:** Heidi Arp-Adams  
**To:** 'Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov'; 'agsec@usda.gov'; Comments, DOT  
**Date:** Friday, January 16, 2004 09:57 AM  
**Subject:** Animal incidents on Airlines

The Honorable Norman Mineta, Secretary of Transportation,  
 The Honorable Ann Veneman, Secretary of Agriculture,  
 The Honorable Joshua Bolton, Director, Office of management and Budget:

I urge you to wrap up the process and enforce the bill that Congress passed to report on animal incidents as the law demands and the public expects. For four years your agencies have been dragging their feet on this ruling. This is inexcusable! Please move on this ruling and help make airlines responsible for animals in their care!

Sincerely,  
 Heidi Arp-Adams RN

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## Interaction 158-004

### Contact

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**Contact ID:** 038-165

### Interaction History

**Media: E-mail. Received. From Contact: Adrienne. Time: 1/16/2004 9:00:03 AM.**

**From:** Adrienne  
**To:** Comments, DOT; agsec@usda.gov; Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov  
**Date:** Friday, January 16, 2004 09:06 AM  
**Subject:** Animal transport

I'm writing today to say it's time you finish the rule and begin reporting on animal incidents as the law demands and the public expects. I urge you to wrap up the process immediately so that airlines are more accountable for the treatment of animals in their care.

Respectfully,

Adrienne Dollyhigh

"Who loves me will also love my dog." - St. Bernard of Clairvaux, France

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**Interaction 159-039****Contact**

**Contact Name:** DKForbes@aol.com  
**E-mail Address:** DKForbes@aol.com  
**Contact ID:** 120-404

**Interaction History**

**E-mail received from Contact DKForbes@aol.com on January 19 2004, 10:15 PM**

**From:** DKForbes@aol.com  
**To:** Comments, DOT  
**Date:** Monday, January 19, 2004 10:23 PM  
**Cc:** agsec@usda.gov; Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov  
**Subject:** animal incidents rule

To the Honorable Norman Mineta, Secretary of Transportation

I am requesting that the rule regarding animal incidents on airlines be finished and reporting of animal incidents begin as the law demands.

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**From:** DotComments  
**To:** DKForbes@aol.com  
**Date:** Monday, January 19, 2004 10:15 PM  
**Subject:** {BTSTL#159-039}animal incidents rule

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**Interaction 159-028****Contact**

**Contact Name:** Jeanne Ridolfi  
**E-mail Address:** jeanne44@comcast.net  
**Contact ID:** 120-398

**Interaction History****E-mail received from Contact Jeanne Ridolfi on January 19 2004, 09:45 PM**

**From:** Jeanne Ridolfi  
**To:** Comments, DOT  
**Date:** Monday, January 19, 2004 09:48 PM  
**Subject:** 14 CFR Part 119, Reports on Incidents involving Animals on Air Carriers

Congress passed a law in April 2000 requiring airlines to report incidents of loss, injury or death to animals during commercial flights -- rather than just as lost baggage -- and requiring the Dept. of Transportation (DOT) to make these reports public on a monthly basis. After publishing a draft and receiving thousands of letters from the public, DOT issued its "final" rule in August to implement this reporting requirement. Nearly four years after the bill passed Congress, the final rule has not yet taken effect. It's time to finish the rule and begin reporting on animal incidents as the law demands and the public expects. We urge you to wrap up the process immediately so that airlines are more accountable for the treatment of animals in their care. We want to know which airlines are responsible and which need improvement. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Jeanne & Robert Ridolfi  
81 Violetwood Circle  
Marlborough MA 01752

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**Interaction 159-017****Contact**

**Contact Name:** Judith E. Embry  
**E-mail Address:** emb66@bcn.net  
**Contact ID:** 035-346

**Interaction History****E-mail received from Contact Judith E. Embry on January 19 2004, 09:03 PM**

**From:** Judith E. Embry  
**To:** Comments, DOT  
**Date:** Monday, January 19, 2004 09:10 PM  
**Subject:** Make the airlines more accountable for the treatment of animals in their care

Dear Secretary Mineta:

In April of 2000 Congress passed a law requiring airlines to report incidents of loss, injury or death to animals during commercial flights-rather than just as lost baggage-requiring the Department of Transportation (DOT) to make these reports public on a monthly basis.

Nearly four years since the bill has passed in Congress, the final rule has not taken effect, thanks to agency foot-dragging and lack of communication between the DOT, the Department of Agriculture, and the Office of Management and Budget. I am writing to urge you to wrap up the process so that airlines are more accountable for the treatment of animals in their care. Four years of delay is truly ridiculous.

Sincerely,

Judith E. Embry  
51 Blackstone Road  
Florida, MA 01247

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**From:** DotComments  
**To:** Judith E. Embry  
**Date:** Monday, January 19, 2004 09:03 PM

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**Interaction 157-997****Contact**

**Contact Name:** gmw7@alltel.net  
**E-mail Address:** gmw7@alltel.net  
**Contact ID:** 119-666

**Interaction History**

**Media: E-mail. Received. From Contact: gmw7@alltel.net. Time: 1/16/2004 8:33:10 AM.**

**From:** gmw7@alltel.net  
**To:** Comments, DOT; agsec@usda.gov; Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov  
**Date:** Friday, January 16, 2004 08:41 AM  
**Subject:** Animal incidents on Airlines

To the Honorable Norman Mineta  
To the Honorable Ann Veneman  
To the Honorable Joshua Bolton

Nearly four years after the bill passed Congress, the final rule regarding Animal Incidents on Airlines have yet to begin being reported due to the lack of communications between the DOT, USDA, and OMB. You work for the people. The people have spoken multiple times regarding this issue and want to see these incidents being reported on a monthly basis. Reported properly, and NOT as loss luggage. The people/customers of the airlines have a right to this type of information, so we can gauge for ourselves if we believe it is safe for our animals to fly in Cargo areas of planes. I know each of you are very busy, as is everyone these days. However, your attention to this matter is necessary and way past due. Thanks for your time, and God bless you all.

Kindest Regards,  
Glenda Worley  
Dahlonge, GA

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**Interaction 158-000****Contact**

**Contact Name:** martine S ferguson  
**E-mail Address:** f.martine@lycos.com  
**Contact ID:** 038-000

**Interaction History**

**Media:** E-mail. Received. From Contact: martine S ferguson. Time: 1/16/2004 8:45:02 AM.

**From:** martine S ferguson  
**To:** Comments, DOT  
**Date:** Friday, January 16, 2004 08:47 AM  
**Subject:** law regarding animal deaths on commercial flights

Mr Mineta:

Congress passed a law in April 2000 requiring airlines to report incidents of loss, injury or death to animals during commercial flights and requiring the Dept. of Transportation to make these reports public on a monthly basis. However, nearly four years after the bill passed Congress, the final rule has not yet taken effect, thanks to agency foot-dragging and a lack of communication between DOT, the Department of Agriculture, and the Office of Management and Budget to resolve minor details.

It's time you finish the rule and begin reporting on animal incidents as the law demands and the public expects. I urge you to wrap up the process immediately so that airlines are more accountable for the treatment of animals in their care.

Thank you for your attention.

Martine Ferguson  
11990 J Little Patuxent Pkwy  
Columbia, MD 21044

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**Interaction 158-001****Contact**

**Contact Name:** Faith G  
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**Contact ID:** 119-667

**Interaction History**

**Media: E-mail. Received. From Contact: Faith G. Time: 1/16/2004 8:48:05 AM.**

**From:** Faith G  
**To:** Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov; agsec@usda.gov; Comments, DOT  
**Date:** Friday, January 16, 2004 08:51 AM  
**Subject:** Reporting of injury, loss and death of animals by Airlines

Nearly 4 years ago, Congress passed a law requiring airlines to report incidents of loss, injury or death to animals during commercial flights -- rather than just as lost baggage -- which also required the Dept. of Transportation (DOT) to make these reports public on a monthly basis. After publishing a draft and receiving thousands of letters from the public, DOT issued its "final" rule in August to implement this reporting requirement. These reports will allow people to better gauge an airline's track record before deciding whether to fly their companion animals in cargo holds and, we hope, make airlines more careful. Unfortunately, the final rule has not yet taken effect. It is time that the reporting begins as the law demands and we, the public expects. I urge you and your staff to wrap up the process immediately so that airlines are more accountable for the treatment of animals in their care. Thank you.

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**Interaction 159-058****Contact**

**Contact Name:** Lin Randall  
**E-mail Address:** randall2@gci.net  
**Contact ID:** 120-420

**Interaction History****E-mail received from Contact Lin Randall on January 19 2004, 11:53 PM**

**From:** Lin Randall  
**To:** Comments, DOT; agsec@usda.gov; Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov  
**Date:** Monday, January 19, 2004 11:59 PM  
**Subject:** rule requiring animal reporting

The Honorable Norman Mineta, Secretary of Transportation  
The Honorable Ann Veneman, Secretary of Agriculture  
The Honorable Joshua Bolton, Director, Office of Management and Budget

It was my understanding that the airlines were supposed to start reporting any incident in which a "warm or cold blooded animal" kept as a pet in the United States is lost, hurt or dies while in the air carrier's charge. I would like to know when those reports are going to be made available to the public. I have to fly my dogs south later this year, and am unwilling to do so unless I have information reassuring me that I can count on their safety.

I would like to know why the rule has not gone into effect and when it will do so!

Sincerely,  
Linda Randall  
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Juneau Alaska 99802-2672  
randall2@gci.net

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**Interaction 159-088****Contact**

**Contact Name:** Stephanie Johanna Goldbach  
**E-mail Address:** Hefflein@gmx.de  
**Contact ID:** 120-444

**Interaction History**

**E-mail received from Contact Stephanie Johanna Goldbach on January 20 2004, 04:00 AM**

**From:** Stephanie Johanna Goldbach  
**To:** Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov; agsec@usda.gov; Comments, DOT  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 20, 2004 04:06 AM  
**Subject:** U.S. Rule For Animals On Planes Still In Limbo

Dear Mr. Mineta, Ms. Veneman and Mr. Bolton:

Four years have passed since Congress enacted a bill to implement protective measures for traveling companion animals. The law requires airlines to publicly disclose the loss, injury or death of animals aboard commercial flights.

The reporting requirement was supposed to take effect in August 2000. Yet due to delays and limited exchange between DOT, the Dept. of Agriculture, and the Office of Management and Budget, the law sits on a shelf gathering dust.

It is time for airlines to report trauma to animals on a monthly basis, as stipulated in the rule. The public has a right to assess an airline's history. The USDA should check all reports for violations of the Animal Welfare Act.

Every year an estimated 5,000 animals wind up lost, wounded or dead due to extreme temperatures, poor ventilation, or rough treatment during transport in cargo holds. The Calk family's ordeal began when American Airlines told them their golden retriever Jed "was not ready yet" after a flight from Newark to Los Angeles. After twenty minutes Jed was returned unconscious and soaked in urine, feces and vomit. He later died from suffocation due to

oxygen deficiency during the flight.

When the Anzalones inquired about their boxer Enzo on a flight from St. Louis to Ft. Lauderdale, they were told:

"Enzo is smiling and drinking water." In fact, Enzo had already died. An autopsy indicated heat stress as the cause of death.

There is no excuse for one more Jed or Enzo. At the very least, airlines should be held responsible for these tragedies.

Please finalize the rule now. I also encourage you to expand its definition of "animal" to encompass any species en route to research laboratories, zoos or other facilities. The airlines need a system of accountability that prompts them to treat living beings humanely--rather than reduce them to lost or damaged baggage.

With kind regards,

Stephanie Johanna Goldbach  
Castroper Straße 34  
44791 Bochum

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**To:** Stephanie Johanna Goldbach  
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## Interaction 158-818

### Contact

**Contact Name:** Madalyn Fliesler  
**E-mail Address:** mfliesler@hotmail.com  
**Contact ID:** 120-248

### Interaction History

#### E-mail received from Contact Madalyn Fliesler on January 19 2004, 11:45 AM

**From:** Madalyn Fliesler  
**To:** Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov; agsec@usda.gov; Comments, DOT  
**Date:** Monday, January 19, 2004 11:43 AM  
**Subject:** Animals in transit

The Honorable Norman Mineta, Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 7th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20590

The Honorable Ann Veneman, Secretary of Agriculture  
U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, DC 20250

The Honorable Joshua Bolton, Director  
Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20503

Dear Mr. Mineta, Ms. Veneman and Mr. Bolton:

Four years have passed since Congress enacted a bill to implement protective measures for traveling companion animals. The law requires airlines to publicly disclose the loss, injury or death of animals aboard commercial flights.

The reporting requirement was supposed to take effect in August 2000. Yet due to delays and limited exchange between DOT, the Dept. of Agriculture, and the Office of Management and Budget, the law

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**Interaction 158-817****Contact**

**Contact Name:** Alexis Kiernan  
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**Contact ID:** 120-247

**Interaction History**

**E-mail received from Contact Alexis Kiernan on January 19 2004, 11:28 AM**

**From:** Alexis Kiernan  
**To:** Comments, DOT  
**Date:** Monday, January 19, 2004 11:36 AM  
**Subject:** PLEASE TREAT LIVING THINGS HUMANELY

Dear Mr. Mineta, Ms. Veneman and Mr. Bolton:

Four years have passed since Congress enacted a bill to implement protective measures for traveling companion animals. The law requires airlines to publicly disclose the loss, injury or death of animals aboard commercial flights.

The reporting requirement was supposed to take effect in August 2000. Yet due to delays and limited exchange between DOT, the Dept. of Agriculture, and the Office of Management and Budget, the law sits on a shelf gathering dust.

It is time for airlines to report trauma to animals on a monthly basis, as stipulated in the rule. The public has a right to assess an airline's history. The USDA should check all reports for violations of the Animal Welfare Act.

Every year an estimated 5,000 animals wind up lost, wounded or dead due to extreme temperatures, poor ventilation, or rough treatment during transport in

cargo holds. The Calk family's ordeal began when American Airlines told them their golden retriever Jed "was not ready yet" after a flight from Newark to Los Angeles. After twenty minutes Jed was returned unconscious and soaked in urine, feces and vomit. He later died from suffocation due to oxygen deficiency during the flight.

When the Anzalones inquired about their boxer Enzo on a flight from St. Louis to Ft. Lauderdale, they were told:

"Enzo is smiling and drinking water." In fact, Enzo had already died. An autopsy indicated heat stress as the cause of death.

There is no excuse for one more Jed or Enzo. At the very least, airlines should be held responsible for these tragedies.

Please finalize the rule now. I also encourage you to expand its definition of "animal" to encompass any species en route to research laboratories, zoos or other facilities. The airlines need a system of accountability that prompts them to treat living beings humanely--rather than reduce them to lost or damaged baggage.

Thank you,  
Alexis Kiernan  
Providence, RI

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**From:** DotComments  
**To:** Alexis Kiernan  
**Date:** Monday, January 19, 2004 11:28 AM

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**Interaction 158-898****Contact**

**Contact Name:** peggyo  
**E-mail Address:** crazymonkey6411@earthlink.net  
**Contact ID:** 120-313

**Interaction History****E-mail received from Contact peggyo on January 19 2004, 02:53 PM**

**From:** peggyo  
**To:** Comments, DOT  
**Date:** Monday, January 19, 2004 03:01 PM  
**Subject:** Airlines and Animals

To the Honorable Norman Mineta,  
I am writing to address the problem of airlines not reporting incidents of injury , loss or death of animals on their flights. To my understanding congress passed a bill four years ago requiring airlines to report these things. I am wondering why this has not been implemented yet and also why only companion animals are covered under this, as yet, unstated rule. I personally know how dangerous it is to fly an animal in cargo and will never do it myself. I also know that there are some airlines (Southwest I think is one of them) who will not fly an animal at all because of the risks. People need to be aware of these risks and monthly records need to be kept and reported.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,  
Peggy Schramm  
1335 N. Jackson St.  
Waukegan, IL  
60085

**Assigned to (None) by System on January 19 2004, 02:53 PM**

**Auto acknowledgement sent on January 19 2004, 02:53 PM**

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## Interaction 158-878

### Contact

**Contact Name:** Michael Fenton  
**E-mail Address:** mikefwmi@comcast.net  
**Contact ID:** 120-295

### Interaction History

#### E-mail received from Contact Michael Fenton on January 19 2004, 02:23 PM

**From:** Michael Fenton  
**To:** Comments, DOT; agsec@usda.gov; Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov  
**Date:** Monday, January 19, 2004 02:28 PM  
**Subject:** ANIMAL INCIDENTS ON AIRLINES

Congress passed a law in April 2000 requiring airlines to report incidents of loss, injury or death to animals during commercial flights -- rather than just as lost baggage -- and requiring the Dept. of Transportation (DOT) to make these reports public on a monthly basis. After publishing a draft and receiving thousands of letters from the public, DOT issued its "final" rule in August to implement this reporting requirement. Although DOT unfortunately decided on a narrow definition of "animal" (only covering companion animals), these reports will allow people to better gauge an airline's track record before deciding whether to fly their companion animals in cargo holds and, I hope, make airlines more careful.

Nearly four years after the bill passed Congress, the final rule has not yet taken effect, thanks to agency foot-dragging and a lack of communication between DOT, the Department of Agriculture (USDA), and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to resolve minor details. It's time they finish the rule and begin reporting on animal incidents as the law demands and the public expects. Please wrap up the process immediately so that airlines are more accountable for the treatment of animals in their care.

Thank you.

Michael Fenton  
5749 NE 62nd Street  
Seattle, WA 98115-7908

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**Interaction 158-873****Contact**

**Contact Name:** Juli3@aol.com  
**E-mail Address:** Juli3@aol.com  
**Contact ID:** 120-290

**Interaction History****E-mail received from Contact Juli3@aol.com on January 19 2004, 02:15 PM**

**From:** Juli3@aol.com  
**To:** Comments, DOT  
**Date:** Monday, January 19, 2004 02:21 PM  
**Subject:** animal related injuries and deaths

Dear Sir,

I am writing you today regarding the issue of the occurrence of deaths and injury to animals during commercial flights. It is my understanding that the Dept. of Transportation is required by law to make public reports of such incidents, but so far, has refused to do so.

There is no reason to not have resolved any fine points concerning the above rules and regulations and to start issuing reports on animal related injuries and deaths. The public has every right to this information in order to make safe and educated arrangements for their pets. Hopefully this will encourage airlines to be more responsible regarding their animal passengers.

I respectfully ask that you do whatever is within your power to facilitate the matter.

Thank you,  
Juli Kring  
12400 Brookglade Cr 42  
Houston, Texas  
77099

**Assigned to (None) by System on January 19 2004, 02:15 PM**

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**Interaction 158-827****Contact**

**Contact Name:** Marjorie Hass  
**E-mail Address:** mhass85@hotmail.com  
**Contact ID:** 042-937

**Interaction History****E-mail received from Contact Marjorie Hass on January 19 2004, 12:13 PM**

**From:** Marjorie Hass  
**To:** Comments, DOT  
**Date:** Monday, January 19, 2004 12:21 PM  
**Cc:** agsec@usda.gov  
**Subject:** Animal Incidents on airlines need to be reported

Dear Secretary Mineta:

Nearly four years after the bill to report animal incidents on airlines passed Congress, the final rule has not yet taken effect, thanks to slow-playing and a lack of communication between DOT and OMB (office of Management and Budget) to resolve minor details. Please begin the process immediately so that airlines are more accountable for the treatment of animals in their care. Thanks.

Yours truly,

Marjorie Hass  
820 Lehigh Avenue  
Hartshorne, Okla. 74547

(918) 297-2732

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## Interaction 158-048

### Contact

**Contact Name:** stephanie  
**E-mail Address:** plaidacid@yahoo.com  
**Contact ID:** 119-699

### Interaction History

**Media:** E-mail. Received. From Contact: stephanie. Time: 1/16/2004 11:30:03 AM.

**From:** stephanie  
**To:** Comments, DOT; agsec@usda.gov; Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov  
**Date:** Friday, January 16, 2004 11:30 AM  
**Subject:** Re: [hsus-action] HUMANELines- 279

#### ANIMAL INCIDENTS ON AIRLINES STILL NOT BEING REPORTED:

Congress passed a law in April 2000 requiring airlines to report incidents of loss, injury or death to animals during commercial flights -- rather than just as lost baggage -- and requiring the Dept. of Transportation (DOT) to make these reports public on a monthly basis. After publishing a draft and receiving thousands of letters from the public, DOT issued its "final" rule in August to implement this reporting requirement. Although DOT unfortunately decided on a narrow definition of "animal" (only covering companion animals), these reports will allow people to better gauge an airline's track record before deciding whether to fly their companion animals in cargo holds and, we hope, make airlines more careful. (For more information on this rule, see : [www.hsus.org/ace/19581](http://www.hsus.org/ace/19581) .)

#### WHAT YOU CAN DO:

Nearly four years after the bill passed Congress, the final rule has not yet taken effect, thanks to agency



foot-dragging and a lack of communication between DOT, the Department of Agriculture (USDA), and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to resolve minor details. It's time they finish the rule and begin reporting on animal incidents as the law demands and the public expects. Please contact the following and urge them to wrap up the process immediately so that airlines are more accountable for the treatment of animals in their care.

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**Auto acknowledgement sent. Time: 1/16/2004 11:30:03 AM.**

**From:** DotComments  
**To:** stephanie  
**Date:** Friday, January 16, 2004 11:30 AM  
**Subject:** {BTSTL#158-048}[hsus-action] HUMANELines- 279

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Sincerely,

Reference Service Staff  
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Bureau of Transportation Statistics  
U.S. Department of Transportation

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**Interaction 158-043****Contact**

**Contact Name:** Angie Christopherson  
**E-mail Address:** christoan@tycoelectronics.com  
**Contact ID:** 119-697

**Interaction History**

**Media: E-mail. Received. From Contact: Angie Christopherson. Time: 1/16/2004 11:03:18 AM.**

**From:** Angie Christopherson  
**To:** Comments, DOT; 'agsec@usda.gov'; 'animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov'  
**Date:** Friday, January 16, 2004 11:12 AM  
**Subject:** Animal incidents on airlines

Dear Honorable Mineta, Veneman, and Bolton:

Permit this email to express my concern that airlines are still not being made to report incidents of loss, injury, or death of animals during commercial flights, on a monthly basis. Please wrap up the process asap so the airlines are held more accountable for the treatment of animals placed in their care. We all need to be more knowledgeable in which airlines are best to choose when families travels. Our pets are like part of the family. Ask any child that has a pet.

Thank you!

Angela G. Christopherson (Angie)  
63 Patton Drive  
Lynchburg, VA 24502  
434-534-8222  
email: [christoan@tycoelectronics.com](mailto:christoan@tycoelectronics.com)

**Assigned to: (None). By: System. Time: 1/16/2004 11:03:18 AM.**

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**Interaction 158-953****Contact**

**Contact Name:** Kelly Hackathorn  
**E-mail Address:** klyn\_h20@hotmail.com  
**Contact ID:** 120-350

**Interaction History****E-mail received from Contact Kelly Hackathorn on January 19 2004, 05:28 PM**

**From:** Kelly Hackathorn  
**To:** Comments, DOT  
**Date:** Monday, January 19, 2004 05:34 PM  
**Cc:** agsec@usda.gov; Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov  
**Subject:** New Rule Will Allow Pet Owners to Gauge an Airline's Animal Safety Record

The final rule covers incidents involving "any warm or cold blooded animal which, at the time of transportation, is being kept as a pet in a family household in the United States."

Please wrap up the process immediately so that airlines are more accountable for the treatment of animals in their care.

Thank you for your time,

Kelly Hackathorn

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**Interaction 158-047****Contact**

<b>Contact Name:</b>	Diana Zelnio
<b>E-mail Address:</b>	dbzelni@sandia.gov
<b>Contact ID:</b>	119-698

**Interaction History**

**Media: E-mail. Received. From Contact: Diana Zelnio. Time: 1/16/2004 11:30:02 AM.**

**From:** Diana Zelnio  
**To:** Comments, DOT; 'agsec@usda.gov'; 'Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov'  
**Date:** Friday, January 16, 2004 11:30 AM  
**Subject:** Spam: Action needed

This concerns Animal incidents on planes and the importance of finishing the rule pertaining to this to begin reporting on animal incidents as the law demands and the public expects.

Please wrap up the process immediately so that airlines are more accountable for the treatment of animals in their care.

Thank you,

Diana Zelnio

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**Auto acknowledgement sent. Time: 1/16/2004 11:30:02 AM.**

## Interaction 158-039

### Contact

**Contact Name:** Debbie Burack  
**E-mail Address:** phoebearchie@yahoo.com  
**Contact ID:** 119-693

### Interaction History

**Media: E-mail. Received. From Contact: Debbie Burack. Time: 1/16/2004 10:43:15 AM.**

**From:** Debbie Burack  
**To:** Comments, DOT; agsec@usda.gov; Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov  
**Date:** Friday, January 16, 2004 10:49 AM  
**Subject:** animals

Congress passed a law in April 2000 requiring airlines to report incidents of loss, injury or death to animals during commercial flights -- rather than just as lost baggage -- and requiring the Dept. of Transportation (DOT) to make these reports public on a monthly basis. After publishing a draft and receiving thousands of letters from the public, DOT issued its "final" rule in August to implement this reporting requirement. Although DOT unfortunately decided on a narrow definition of "animal" (only covering companion animals), these reports will allow people to better gauge an airline's track record before deciding whether to fly their companion animals in cargo holds and, we hope, make airlines more careful.

Nearly four years after the bill passed Congress, the final rule has not yet taken effect, thanks to agency foot-dragging and a lack of communication between DOT, the Department of Agriculture (USDA), and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to resolve minor details. Please finish the rule and begin reporting on animal incidents as the law demands and the public expects. Please wrap up the process immediately so

that airlines are more accountable for the treatment of animals in their care.

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**From:** DotComments  
**To:** dhurwitz@prodigy.net  
**Date:** Friday, January 16, 2004 10:43 AM  
**Subject:** {BTSTL# 158-039}animals

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Sincerely,

Reference Service Staff  
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-----Original Message-----

From: Debbie Burack [phoebearchie@yahoo.com]  
 Sent: Friday, Jan 16 2004 10:49AM  
 To: Comments, DOT [DOT.Comments@ost.dot.gov]; agsec@usda.gov [agsec@usda.gov];  
 Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov [Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov]  
 Subject: animals

Congress passed a law in April 2000 requiring airlines to report incidents of loss, injury or death to animals during commercial flights -- rather than just

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**Interaction 158-970****Contact**

**Contact Name:** Elizabeth Ward  
**E-mail Address:** libba\_ward@yahoo.com  
**Contact ID:** 120-364

**Interaction History****E-mail received from Contact Elizabeth Ward on January 19 2004, 06:13 PM**

**From:** Elizabeth Ward  
**To:** Comments, DOT  
**Date:** Monday, January 19, 2004 06:20 PM  
**Subject:** animals in holds on commercial flights

Please complete process to require all airlines to report loss, death or injury in cargo holds during commercial flights. Eliz Pearce

Sending peace and love to you. Elizabeth

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**From:** DotComments  
**To:** Elizabeth Ward  
**Date:** Monday, January 19, 2004 06:13 PM  
**Subject:** {BTSTL#158-970}animals in holds on commercial flights

## Interaction 158-983

### Contact

**Contact Name:** Kiayanna Eichert  
**E-mail Address:** kiayanna@caring4animals.com  
**Contact ID:** 120-370

### Interaction History

#### **E-mail received from Contact Kiayanna Eichert on January 19 2004, 07:00 PM**

**From:** Kiayanna Eichert  
**To:** Comments, DOT; agsec@usda.gov  
**Date:** Monday, January 19, 2004 07:06 PM  
**Cc:** Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov  
**Subject:** Traveling with companion animals

January 19, 2004

The Honorable Norman Mineta, Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
Via fax: (202) 366-7202 & Email: [dot.comments@ost.dot.gov](mailto:dot.comments@ost.dot.gov)

The Honorable Ann Veneman, Secretary of Agriculture  
U.S. Department of Agriculture  
Via Fax: (202) 720-2166 & (202) 720-6314 & Email: [agsec@usda.gov](mailto:agsec@usda.gov)

The Honorable Joshua Bolton, Director  
Office of Management and Budget  
Via fax: (202) 395-3888 & Email: [Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov](mailto:Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov)

Dear Mr. Mineta, Ms. Veneman and Mr. Bolton:

I am writing in regards to protective measures for companion animals traveling with their guardians on airlines. Four years have passed since Congress enacted a bill to implement protective measures for traveling companion animals. The law requires airlines to publicly disclose the loss, injury or death of animals aboard commercial flights.

The reporting requirement was supposed to take effect in August 2000. Yet due to delays and limited



exchange between DOT, the Dept. of Agriculture, and the Office of Management and Budget, the law sits on a shelf gathering dust.

It is time for airlines to report trauma to animals on a monthly basis, as stipulated in the rule. The public has a right to assess an airline's history. The USDA should check all reports for violations of the Animal Welfare Act.

Every year an estimated 5,000 animals wind up lost, wounded or dead due to extreme temperatures, poor ventilation, or rough treatment during transport in cargo holds. The Calk family's ordeal began when American Airlines told them their golden retriever Jed "was not ready yet" after a flight from Newark to Los Angeles. After twenty minutes Jed was returned unconscious and soaked in urine, feces and vomit. He later died from suffocation due to oxygen deficiency during the flight.

Another horror case: when the Anzalone's asked about their boxer, Enzo on a flight from St. Louis to Ft. Lauderdale, they were told: "Enzo is smiling and drinking water." In fact, Enzo had already died. An autopsy indicated heat stress as the cause of death.

To date, there are so many tragic endings from companion animals on airlines. I would never in a million years trust any of my cats to be safe on any airline period. If I had to experience the loss of my pet because the airlines didn't care properly for her, I would make a huge scene in that airports terminal and demand that something be done. Animals are not replaceable; they are not lost luggage with clothes that you can go and purchase again, they are true members of the family. I compare this to saying you lost my child on the flight, my cats are my children and I would only expect the best. To this date, if I had to fly with my cats, I would only use the pet friendly airline, where I can be assured that they are OK, since they can either travel under your seat, or for big dogs can travel in the back, not underneath where people sit. This new and wonderful airline is called Companion Air, in case you have not heard of it yet. They are still working on adding more flights to accommodate others around the U.S. There is no excuse for any more of these tragic insitences. At the very least, airlines should be held responsible for these tragedies and admit their wrongdoing to the public and the animals guardian.

I am asking for you to please finalize the rule now. I also encourage you to expand its definition of "animal" to encompass any species en route to research laboratories, zoos or other facilities. The airlines need a system of accountability that prompts them to treat living beings humanely, rather than reduce them to the status of lost or damaged baggage.

Sincerely,  
Ms. Kia Eichert

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**Interaction 158-026****Contact**

**Contact Name:** Laura Marjorie Miller  
**E-mail Address:** laura.m.miller@vanderbilt.edu  
**Contact ID:** 119-685

**Interaction History**

**Media: E-mail. Received. From Contact: Laura Marjorie Miller. Time: 1/16/2004 10:23:16 AM.**

**From:** Laura Marjorie Miller  
**To:** Comments, DOT; agsec@usda.gov; Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov  
**Date:** Friday, January 16, 2004 10:30 AM  
**Subject:** Incidents concerning Animals on Airlines

Dear Sirs and Madame,

In April of 2000, Congress passed a law requiring airlines to report incidents of loss, injury or death to animals during commercial flights (as opposed to reporting them as incidents of 'lost baggage') and requiring the Department of Transportation to make these reports public on a monthly basis.

After publishing a draft and receiving thousands of letters from the public, DOT issued its 'final' rule in August to implement this reporting requirement. Although DOT regrettably confined its definition of 'animal' to companion animals only, the reports were intended to allow consumers to gauge an airline's record before deciding whether to fly their companion animals in cargo holds. The reports were intended to make airlines more careful in their treatment and handling of animals by making the airlines more accountable to public opinion.

However, nearly four years after the bill passed Congress, the final rule has not yet taken effect. This delay can be attributed to a lack of communication between DOT, the Department of Agriculture, and the Office of Management and Budget to resolve minor

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**Interaction 158-027****Contact**

**Contact Name:** Rosemary & John  
**E-mail Address:** baskin@intergrafix.net  
**Contact ID:** 119-686

**Interaction History**

**Media:** E-mail. Received. From Contact: Rosemary & John. Time: 1/16/2004 10:23:18 AM.

**From:** Rosemary & John  
**To:** Comments, DOT; agsec@usda.gov; animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov  
**Date:** Friday, January 16, 2004 10:33 AM  
**Subject:** animals on airlines

To Sec. of Transportation Mineta, Sec. of Agriculture Veneman, and Director of OMB Bolton:

We urge you to resolve the minor details and implement the law passed in April 2000, requiring airlines to report incidents of loss, injury, or death to animals during commercial flights. Animals are not "lost baggage".

Airlines need to made accountable for these incidents and the public expects you to hold them accountable, no less than if loss or death of humans were rampant. It has been almost four years since the law was passed--let's get going before even more animals are "lost".

Sincerely,

Rosemary & John Baskin  
Conyngham, PA

**Assigned to:** (None). **By:** System. **Time:** 1/16/2004 10:23:18 AM.

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**Interaction 158-816****Contact**

**Contact Name:** Piff500@aol.com  
**E-mail Address:** Piff500@aol.com  
**Contact ID:** 120-246

**Interaction History**

**E-mail received from Contact Piff500@aol.com on January 19 2004, 11:23 AM**

**From:** Piff500@aol.com  
**To:** Comments, DOT; agsec@usda.gov; Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov  
**Date:** Monday, January 19, 2004 11:32 AM  
**Subject:** Animals on airlines

Hi, please wrap up the necessary red tape and start making the airlines report their animal casualties. Nows the time! Thanks, Saxyn Piffath Arkansas

**Assigned to (None) by System on January 19 2004, 11:23 AM**

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**From:** DotComments  
**To:** Piff500@aol.com  
**Date:** Monday, January 19, 2004 11:23 AM  
**Subject:** {BTSTL#158-816}Animals on airlines

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**Interaction 158-784****Contact**

**Contact Name:** Sally Hawkins  
**E-mail Address:** rahawk@triad.rr.com  
**Contact ID:** 120-220

**Interaction History**

**E-mail received from Contact Sally Hawkins on January 19 2004, 09:30 AM**

**From:** Sally Hawkins  
**To:** Comments, DOT  
**Date:** Monday, January 19, 2004 09:36 AM  
**Subject:** Animal deaths on airlines

TO: The Honorable Norman Mineta  
FROM: Sally Hawkins  
Ray Hawkins

My husband and I are members of the Humane Society.  
We ask you to please investigate the problem of animal deaths on airlines.  
A law was passed in April 2000 requiring airlines to disclose this information.  
The DOT and OMB are still not working together to resolve this problem.

Thank you

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**From:** DotComments  
**To:** Sally Hawkins  
**Date:** Monday, January 19, 2004 09:30 AM  
**Subject:** {BTSTL#158-784}Animal deaths on airlines

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## Interaction 158-764

### Contact

**Contact Name:** Ann Pallo  
**E-mail Address:** apallo@cranevs.com  
**Contact ID:** 120-201

### Interaction History

#### E-mail received from Contact Ann Pallo on January 19 2004, 08:23 AM

**From:** Ann Pallo  
**To:** 'Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov'; 'agsec@usda.gov'; Comments, DOT  
**Date:** Monday, January 19, 2004 08:29 AM  
**Subject:** Urgent Message Regarding Bill to Congress

Dear Mr. Mineta, Ms. Veneman and Mr. Bolton:

Four years have passed since Congress enacted a bill to implement protective measures for traveling companion animals. The law requires airlines to publicly disclose the loss, injury or death of animals aboard commercial flights.

The reporting requirement was supposed to take effect in August 2000. Yet due to delays and limited exchange between DOT, the Dept. of Agriculture, and the Office of Management and Budget, the law sits on a shelf gathering dust.

It is time for airlines to report trauma to animals on a monthly basis, as stipulated in the rule. The public has a right to assess an airline's history. The USDA should check all reports for violations of the Animal Welfare Act.

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When the Anzalones inquired about their boxer Enzo on a flight from St. Louis to Ft. Lauderdale, they were told:

## Interaction 158-760

### Contact

**Contact Name:** Colin Hamilton  
**E-mail Address:** cbh@dip.demon.co.uk  
**Contact ID:** 120-197

### Interaction History

#### E-mail received from Contact Colin Hamilton on January 19 2004, 08:15 AM

**From:** Colin Hamilton  
**To:** Comments, DOT; agsec@usda.gov; Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov  
**Date:** Monday, January 19, 2004 08:14 AM  
**Subject:** ANIMAL INCIDENTS ON AIRLINES STILL NOT BEING REPORTED

Ladies and Gentleman,

In a civilised and efficient society such as ours, it is astonishing that four years after Congress has passed legislation, our Departments of State have failed to resolve outstanding issues to enable that legislation to come into force. I join many others in demanding that you resolve this issue as soon as possible, or inform the American people why you are unable to do so.

Yours sincerely  
Colin Hamilton

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#### Auto acknowledgement sent on January 19 2004, 08:15 AM

**From:** DotComments  
**To:** Colin Hamilton  
**Date:** Monday, January 19, 2004 08:15 AM  
**Subject:** {BTSTL#158-760}ANIMAL INCIDENTS ON AIRLINES STILL NOT BEING REPORTED

Dear DOT Customer:

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**Interaction 158-742****Contact**

**Contact Name:** Kirpal Thandi  
**E-mail Address:** thandi\_man@hotmail.com  
**Contact ID:** 120-186

**Interaction History**

**E-mail received from Contact Kirpal Thandi on January 19 2004, 05:30 AM**

**From:** Kirpal Thandi  
**To:** Comments, DOT  
**Date:** Monday, January 19, 2004 05:29 AM  
**Subject:** ANIMAL INCIDENTS ON AIRLINES STILL NOT BEING REPORTED

Dear Honorable Norman Mineta, Secretary of Transportation;  
Hello and thank you for taking the time out to read my e-mail.  
Nearly four years after the bill passed Congress, the final rule has not yet taken effect, thanks to agency foot-dragging and a lack of communication between DOT, the Department of Agriculture (USDA), and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to resolve minor details. It's time you finish the rule and begin reporting on animal incidents as the law demands and the public expects. I urge you to wrap up the process immediately so that airlines are more accountable for the treatment of animals in their care.  
Again, thank you for your time.  
Yours truly;  
Paul Thandi

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**Interaction 158-727****Contact**

**Contact Name:** cutoffssalon@earthlink.net  
**E-mail Address:** cutoffssalon@earthlink.net  
**Contact ID:** 120-173

**Interaction History**

**E-mail received from Contact cutoffssalon@earthlink.net on January 19 2004, 03:15 AM**

**From:** cutoffssalon@earthlink.net  
**To:** Comments, DOT  
**Date:** Monday, January 19, 2004 03:14 AM  
**Subject:** PLEASE resolve the minor details - Airlines need to begin reporting incidents of loss, injury or death to animals.

Congress passed a law in April 2000 requiring airlines to report incidents of loss, injury or death to animals during commercial flights -- rather than just as lost baggage ? and requiring the Dept. of Transportation (DOT) to make these reports public on a monthly basis.

Nearly four years after the bill passed Congress, the final rule has not yet taken effect.

PLEASE resolve the minor details and get this law into effect .  
Airlines need to begin reporting incidents of loss, injury or death to animals during commercial flights  
as the law demands and the public expects.

Please wrap up the process immediately so that airlines are more accountable for the treatment of animals in their care.

PLEASE resolve the minor details - Airlines need to begin reporting incidents of loss, injury or death to animals.

Sincerely,

## Interaction 158-720

### Contact

**Contact Name:** Randi Boucher  
**E-mail Address:** randib.geo@yahoo.com  
**Contact ID:** 120-168

### Interaction History

#### **E-mail received from Contact Randi Boucher on January 19 2004, 02:45 AM**

**From:** Randi Boucher  
**To:** Comments, DOT  
**Date:** Monday, January 19, 2004 02:48 AM  
**Subject:** Airline animal companions - please take action!

The Honorable Norman Mineta,

Congress passed a law in April 2000 requiring airlines to report incidents of loss, injury or death to animals during commercial flights -- rather than just as lost baggage -- and requiring the Dept. of Transportation (DOT) to make these reports public on a monthly basis. After publishing a draft and receiving thousands of letters from the public, DOT issued its "final" rule in August to implement this reporting requirement. Although DOT unfortunately decided on a narrow definition of "animal" (only covering companion animals), these reports will allow people to better gauge an airline's track record before deciding whether to fly their companion animals in cargo holds and, we hope, make airlines more careful.

Nearly four years after the bill passed Congress, the final rule has not yet taken effect, thanks to agency foot-dragging and a lack of communication between DOT, the Department of Agriculture (USDA), and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to resolve minor details.

I am urging you today to please do your part to wrap up the process immediately so that airlines are more accountable for the treatment of animals in their care.

Thank you very much,  
Randi Boucher  
[randib@geocities.com](mailto:randib@geocities.com)  
972-312-9277, m/b 2

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**From:** DotComments  
**To:** [randib@geocities.com](mailto:randib@geocities.com)  
**Date:** Monday, January 19, 2004 02:45 AM  
**Subject:** {BTSTL#158-720}Airline animal companions - please take action!

Dear DOT Customer:

Thank you for contacting the Department of Transportation. Your email has been forwarded to the National Transportation Library Reference Service in the Bureau of Transportation Statistics. This is to acknowledge that we received your email message on Jan 19 2004 2:45AM. Your tracking number for this inquiry is 158720 .

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Sincerely,

Reference Service Staff  
National Transportation Library  
Bureau of Transportation Statistics  
U.S. Department of Transportation

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## Interaction 158-714

### Contact

**Contact Name:** Quattdawggy@aol.com  
**E-mail Address:** Quattdawggy@aol.com  
**Contact ID:** 120-163

### Interaction History

**E-mail received from Contact Quattdawggy@aol.com on January 19 2004, 01:48 AM**

**From:** Quattdawggy@aol.com  
**To:** Comments, DOT; agsec@usda.gov; Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov  
**Date:** Monday, January 19, 2004 01:56 AM  
**Subject:** (no subject)

Dear Mr. Mineta, Ms. Veneman and Mr. Bolton:

Four years have passed since Congress enacted a bill to implement protective measures for traveling companion animals. The law requires airlines to publicly disclose the loss, injury or death of animals aboard commercial flights.

The reporting requirement was supposed to take effect in August 2000. Yet due to delays and limited exchange between DOT, the Dept. of Agriculture, and the Office of Management and Budget, the law sits on a shelf gathering dust.

It is time for airlines to report trauma to animals on a monthly basis, as stipulated in the rule. The public has a right to assess an airline's history. The USDA should check all reports for violations of the Animal Welfare Act.

Every year an estimated 5,000 animals wind up lost, wounded or dead due to extreme temperatures, poor ventilation, or rough treatment during transport in cargo holds. The Calk family's ordeal began when American Airlines told them their golden retriever Jed "was not ready yet" after a flight from Newark to Los Angeles. After twenty minutes Jed was returned unconscious and soaked in urine, feces and vomit. He later died from suffocation due to oxygen deficiency during the flight.

When the Anzalones inquired about their boxer Enzo on a flight from St. Louis to Ft. Lauderdale, they were told:  
"Enzo is smiling and drinking water." In fact, Enzo had already died. An autopsy indicated heat stress

as the cause of death.

There is no excuse for one more Jed or Enzo. At the very least, airlines should be held responsible for these tragedies.

Please finalize the rule now. I also encourage you to expand its definition of "animal" to encompass any species en route to research laboratories, zoos or other facilities. The airlines need a system of accountability that prompts them to treat living beings humanely--rather than reduce them to lost or damaged baggage.

Thank you,  
Heather Williams

**Assigned to (None) by System on January 19 2004, 01:48 AM**

**Auto acknowledgement sent on January 19 2004, 01:48 AM**

**From:** DotComments  
**To:** Quattdawggy@aol.com  
**Date:** Monday, January 19, 2004 01:48 AM  
**Subject:** {BTSTL# 158-714}(no subject)

Dear DOT Customer:

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Sincerely,

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From: Quattdawggy@aol.com [Quattdawggy@aol.com]  
Sent: Monday, Jan 19 2004 1:56AM  
To: Comments, DOT [DOT.Comments@ost.dot.gov]; agsec@usda.gov [agsec@usda.gov];

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## Interaction 158-712

### Contact

**Contact Name:** Patience O'Dowd  
**E-mail Address:** [patience\\_odowd@yahoo.com](mailto:patience_odowd@yahoo.com)  
**Contact ID:** 120-161

### Interaction History

**E-mail received from Contact Patience O'Dowd on January 19 2004, 01:45 AM**

**From:** Patience O'Dowd  
**To:** [agsec@usda.gov](mailto:agsec@usda.gov); [Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov](mailto:Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov); Comments, DOT  
**Date:** Monday, January 19, 2004 01:47 AM  
**Subject:** Airline Accountability for Airline Incidents

The Honorable Norman Mineta, Secretary of  
Transportation  
E-mail: [dot.comments@ost.dot.gov](mailto:dot.comments@ost.dot.gov)  
Phone: 202-366-1111  
Fax: 202-366-7202

The Honorable Joshua Bolton, Director, Office of  
Management and Budget  
E-mail: [Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov](mailto:Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov)  
Phone: 202-395-4840  
Fax: 202-395-3888

The Honorable Joshua Bolton, Director, Office of  
Management and Budget  
E-mail: [Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov](mailto:Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov)  
Phone: 202-395-4840  
Fax: 202-395-3888  
Date Jan 18th, 04

Re Airline Accountability for Airline Incidents

Dear Public Servants,

**Interaction 158-703****Contact**

**Contact Name:** SusanOsterman@aol.com  
**E-mail Address:** SusanOsterman@aol.com  
**Contact ID:** 120-153

**Interaction History**

E-mail received from Contact SusanOsterman@aol.com on January 19 2004, 12:48 AM

**From:** SusanOsterman@aol.com  
**To:** Comments, DOT; agsec@usda.gov; Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov  
**Date:** Monday, January 19, 2004 12:57 AM  
**Subject:** Pls defend those who have no voice to defend themselves!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Subj: **LETTER/U.S. Rule For Animals On Planes Still In Limbo**  
 Date: 1/17/2004 1:00:31 PM Eastern Standard Time  
 From: info@kinshipcircle.org  
 To: info@kinshipcircle.org, info@kinshipcircle.org  
*Sent from the Internet (Details)*

**SAMPLE LETTER FROM KINSHIP CIRCLE**  
**1/17/04--Rule For Animals Aboard Planes Still In Limbo**  
<http://www.kinshipcircle.org>  
 1 letter

**SOURCE OF INFORMATION:**  
**HUMANELines---Issue 279---January 15, 2004**  
[humanelines@hsus.org](mailto:humanelines@hsus.org)  
<http://www.hsus.org/ace/19581>  
**Additional Contact Info:**  
<http://dms.dot.gov>  
<http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/contact.html>

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The Honorable Norman Mineta, Secretary of Transportation  
 U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 7th Street, S.W.  
 Washington, D.C. 20590  
 ph: 202-366-1111; fax: 202-366-7202; email: dot.comments@ost.dot.gov

The Honorable Ann Veneman, Secretary of Agriculture  
 U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW  
 Washington, DC 20250  
 ph: 202-720-3631; fax: 202-720-2166, 202-720-6314; email: agsec@usda.gov

The Honorable Joshua Bolton, Director  
 Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW  
 Washington, DC 20503  
 ph: 202-395-4840; fax: 202-395-3888; email: Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov

Dear Mr. Mineta, Ms. Veneman and Mr. Bolton:

Four years have passed since Congress enacted a bill to implement protective measures for traveling companion animals. The law requires airlines to publicly disclose the loss, injury or death of animals aboard commercial flights.

The reporting requirement was supposed to take effect in August 2000. Yet due to delays and limited exchange between DOT, the Dept. of Agriculture, and the Office of Management and Budget, the law sits on a shelf gathering dust.

It is time for airlines to report trauma to animals on a monthly basis, as stipulated in the rule. The public has a right to assess an airline's history. The USDA should check all reports for violations of the Animal Welfare Act.

Every year an estimated 5,000 animals wind up lost, wounded or dead due to extreme temperatures, poor ventilation, or rough treatment during transport in cargo holds. The Calk family's ordeal began when American Airlines told them their golden retriever Jed "was not ready yet" after a flight from Newark to Los Angeles. After twenty minutes Jed was returned unconscious and soaked in urine, feces and vomit. He later died from suffocation due to oxygen deficiency during the flight.

When the Anzalones inquired about their boxer Enzo on a flight from St. Louis to Ft. Lauderdale, they were told: "Enzo is smiling and drinking water." In fact, Enzo had already died. An autopsy indicated heat stress as the cause of death.

There is no excuse for one more Jed or Enzo. At the very least, airlines should be held responsible for these tragedies.

Please finalize the rule now. I also encourage you to expand its definition of "animal" to encompass any species en route to research laboratories, zoos or other facilities. The airlines need a system of accountability that prompts them to treat living beings humanely--rather than reduce them to lost or damaged baggage.

Thank you,

Susan Osterman  
 610 W. 115 St., #94  
 NY, NY 10025  
 212-678-115

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## Interaction 158-700

### Contact

**Contact Name:** Wendy & Les  
**E-mail Address:** wenaless@sbcbglobal.net  
**Contact ID:** 120-152

### Interaction History

#### E-mail received from Contact Wendy & Les on January 19 2004, 12:18 AM

**From:** Wendy & Les  
**To:** Comments, DOT; agsec@usda.gov; Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov  
**Date:** Monday, January 19, 2004 12:27 AM  
**Subject:** re: traveling companion animals

The Honorable Norman Mineta, Secretary of Transportation  
The Honorable Ann Veneman, Secretary of Agriculture  
The Honorable Joshua Bolton, Director Office of Management and Budget

Dear Mr. Mineta, Ms. Veneman and Mr. Bolton:

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Thank you,

Wendy Borowsky  
St. Louis, Missouri

**Assigned to (None) by System on January 19 2004, 12:18 AM**

**Auto acknowledgement sent on January 19 2004, 12:18 AM**

**From:** DotComments  
**To:** Wendy & Les  
**Date:** Monday, January 19, 2004 12:18 AM  
**Subject:** {BTSTL#158-700}traveling companion animals

Dear DOT Customer:

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Sincerely,

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## Interaction 158-687

### Contact

**Contact Name:** Michael J. Vorhies  
**E-mail Address:** pudnhead@att.net  
**Contact ID:** 120-142

### Interaction History

#### **E-mail received from Contact Michael J. Vorhies on January 18 2004, 11:03 PM**

**From:** Michael J. Vorhies  
**To:** Comments, DOT; agsec@usda.gov; Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov  
**Date:** Sunday, January 18, 2004 11:10 PM  
**Subject:**

The Honorable Norman Mineta, Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 7th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20590  
ph: 202-366-1111; fax: 202-366-7202; email: dot.comments@ost.dot.gov

The Honorable Ann Veneman, Secretary of Agriculture  
U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, DC 20250  
ph: 202-720-3631; fax: 202-720-2166, 202-720-6314; email: agsec@usda.gov

The Honorable Joshua Bolton, Director  
Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20503  
ph: 202-395-4840; fax: 202-395-3888; email: Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov

Dear Mr. Mineta, Ms. Veneman and Mr. Bolton:

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It is time for airlines to report trauma to animals on a monthly basis, as stipulated in the rule. The public has a right to assess an airline's history. The USDA should check all reports for violations of the Animal Welfare Act.

Every year an estimated 5,000 animals wind up lost, wounded or dead due to extreme temperatures, poor ventilation, or rough treatment during transport in cargo holds. The Calk family's ordeal began when American Airlines told them their golden retriever Jed "was not ready yet" after a flight from Newark to Los Angeles. After twenty minutes Jed was returned unconscious and soaked in urine, feces and vomit. He later died from suffocation due to oxygen deficiency during the flight.

When the Anzalones inquired about their boxer Enzo on a flight from St. Louis to Ft. Lauderdale, they were told: "Enzo is smiling and drinking water." In fact, Enzo had already died. An autopsy indicated heat stress as the cause of death.

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Please finalize the rule now. I also encourage you to expand its definition of "animal" to encompass any species en route to research laboratories, zoos or other facilities. The airlines need a system of accountability that prompts them to treat living beings humanely--rather than reduce them to lost or damaged baggage.

Thank you,

Mare E. Florentino

2644 Louis Ave.

Brentwood, MO 63144

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**From:** DotComments  
**To:** Michael J. Vorhies  
**Date:** Sunday, January 18, 2004 11:03 PM  
**Subject:** {BTSTL#158-687}

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Sincerely,

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U.S. Department of Transportation

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**Interaction 158-674****Contact**

**Contact Name:** maryanne nobile  
**E-mail Address:** mnobile2000@yahoo.com  
**Contact ID:** 120-133

**Interaction History**

**E-mail received from Contact maryanne nobile on January 18 2004, 09:33 PM**

**From:** maryanne nobile  
**To:** Comments, DOT  
**Date:** Sunday, January 18, 2004 09:39 PM  
**Subject:** Accountability

Dear Mr. Mineta:

I understand that due to a lack of communication between the Department of Agriculture (USDA), and the Office of Management and Budget to resolve minor details, the bill for safe animal transportation has yet to be implemented.

Don't you think enough time has gone by (4 years) to resolve these issues? Please make it a new year priority to wrap up the process immediately so that airlines are more accountable for the treatment of animals in their care.

Thank you,  
Maryanne Nobile', Baltimore, MD

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## Interaction 158-665

### Contact

**Contact Name:** Loretta Pesteanu  
**E-mail Address:** lorettapesteanu@yahoo.com  
**Contact ID:** 120-130

### Interaction History

**E-mail received from Contact Loretta Pesteanu on January 18 2004, 08:48 PM**

**From:** Loretta Pesteanu  
**To:** Comments, DOT  
**Date:** Sunday, January 18, 2004 08:55 PM  
**Subject:** Airline animal transport

Honorable Norman Mineta, Secretary of Transportation,  
In April 2000, Congress passed a law requiring airlines to report incidents of loss, injury or death to animals during commercial flights -- rather than just as lost baggage -- and requiring the Dept. of Transportation (DOT) to make these reports public on a monthly basis. Nearly four years after the bill passed Congress, the final rule has not yet taken effect, thanks to agency foot-dragging and a lack of communication between DOT, the Department of Agriculture (USDA), and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to resolve minor details. It's time for the rule to be finished and animal incidents to be reported as the law demands and the public expects. As a veterinarian and concerned animal lover, I respectfully ask that you do whatever necessary to wrap up the process immediately so that airlines are more accountable for the treatment of animals in their care.

Sincerely,  
Dr. Loretta Pesteanu  
Brooklyn, NY

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**Interaction 158-659****Contact**

**Contact Name:** SA Lace  
**E-mail Address:** saslance@hotmail.com  
**Contact ID:** 120-126

**Interaction History****E-mail received from Contact SA Lace on January 18 2004, 08:30 PM**

**From:** SA Lace  
**To:** Comments, DOT; agsec@usda.gov; Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov  
**Date:** Sunday, January 18, 2004 08:34 PM  
**Subject:** Loss, injury or death to animals during commercial flights

**"THE GREATNESS OF A NATION AND ITS MORAL PROGRESS CAN BE JUDGED BY THE WAY ITS ANIMALS ARE TREATED....I HOLD THAT, THE MORE HELPLESS A CREATURE, THE MORE ENTITLED IT IS TO PROTECTION BY MAN, FROM THE CRUELTY OF MAN."--MAHATMA GANDHI**

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Sincerely,

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## Interaction 158-655

### Contact

**Contact Name:** ElizZabeth  
**E-mail Address:** Lizzjnk@hotmail.com  
**Contact ID:** 120-124

### Interaction History

#### E-mail received from Contact ElizZabeth on January 18 2004, 08:15 PM

**From:** ElizZabeth  
**To:** Comments, DOT; agsec@usda.gov; Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov  
**Date:** Sunday, January 18, 2004 08:22 PM  
**Subject:** Airlines need to report loss, injury or death of animals

Dear Sirs and Ms:

I am writing regarding the law Congress passed in April 2000 requiring airlines to report incidents of loss, injury or death to animals during commercial flights -- rather than just as lost baggage -- and requiring the Dept. of Transportation (DOT) to make these reports public on a monthly basis. Although DOT unfortunately decided on a narrow definition of "animal" (only covering companion animals), these reports will allow people to better gauge an airline's track record before deciding whether to fly their companion animals in cargo holds and, we hope, make airlines more careful.

It's been nearly four years since the bill passed Congress, and the final rule has not yet taken effect. It's time to finish the rule and begin reporting on animal incidents as the law demands and the public expects. I urge you to wrap up the process immediately so that airlines are more accountable for the treatment of animals in their care.  
Respectfully,

Elizabeth Kitchen  
2710 E. 55th Pl  
Tulsa, OK 74105

"The time is always right to do what is right" - Martin Luther King, Jr.

"The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated." ---Mohandas Gandhi, leader of Indian Independence Movement



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## Interaction 158-651

### Contact

**Contact Name:** Linda Gerdes  
**E-mail Address:** lgerdes@megsinet.net  
**Contact ID:** 120-120

### Interaction History

#### E-mail received from Contact Linda Gerdes on January 18 2004, 07:08 PM

**From:** Linda Gerdes  
**To:** Comments, DOT  
**Date:** Sunday, January 18, 2004 07:17 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Traveling Companions

Dear Mr. Mineta:

Four years have passed since Congress enacted a bill to implement protective measures for traveling companion animals. The law requires airlines to publicly disclose the loss, injury or death of animals aboard commercial flights.

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Thank you,  
Linda Gerdes  
381 Mary Ln.  
Crystal Lake, IL 60014

**Assigned to (None) by System on January 18 2004, 07:08 PM**

**Auto acknowledgement sent on January 18 2004, 07:08 PM**

**From:** DotComments  
**To:** Linda Gerdes  
**Date:** Sunday, January 18, 2004 07:08 PM  
**Subject:** {BTSTL#158-651}Traveling Companions

Dear DOT Customer:

Thank you for contacting the Department of Transportation. Your email has been forwarded to the National Transportation Library Reference Service in the Bureau of Transportation Statistics. This is to acknowledge that we received your email message on Jan 18 2004 7:08PM. Your tracking number for this inquiry is 158651 .

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Sincerely,

Reference Service Staff  
National Transportation Library  
Bureau of Transportation Statistics  
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-----Original Message-----

From: Linda Gerdes [[lgerdes@megsinet.net](mailto:lgerdes@megsinet.net)]

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**Interaction 158-646****Contact**

**Contact Name:** Laura Huertas  
**E-mail Address:** bay\_bdoll124@yahoo.com  
**Contact ID:** 120-116

**Interaction History****E-mail received from Contact Laura Huertas on January 18 2004, 07:00 PM**

**From:** Laura Huertas  
**To:** Comments, DOT  
**Date:** Sunday, January 18, 2004 07:05 PM  
**Subject:** important issue!!!!

Dear Honorable Norman Mineta,

My name is Laura Huertas and i'm writing to you because i'm concerned about the well being of animals that travel on planes. So I want to ask you to PLEASE wrap up the process as soon as possible so that airlines are more accountable for the treatment of animals in their care! It's almost gonna be 4 years since Congress passed the law and nothing has been done about it. SO PLEASE, PLEASE MAKE THIS LAW COME TO AFFECT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!!!! THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

Sincerely,  
Laura Huertas

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**Interaction 158-642****Contact**

**Contact Name:** Shyblood@aol.com  
**E-mail Address:** Shyblood@aol.com  
**Contact ID:** 120-112

**Interaction History**

**E-mail received from Contact Shyblood@aol.com on January 18 2004, 06:03 PM**

**From:** Shyblood@aol.com  
**To:** Comments, DOT; agsec@usda.gov; Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov  
**Date:** Sunday, January 18, 2004 06:10 PM  
**Subject:** reporting of animal incidents on airlines

Dear Sirs:

It has come to my attention that the process for reporting animal injuries, loss, or death on airlines is not yet in place. The law requiring this reporting has been passed for nearly four years. Please do your part to resolve the necessary issues and get this process up and running. Those of us who are interested in this information have a right to know the number and types of these incidents.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely, Sherry Youngblood

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**From:** DotComments  
**To:** Shyblood@aol.com  
**Date:** Sunday, January 18, 2004 06:03 PM  
**Subject:** {BTSTL#158-642}reporting of animal incidents on airlines

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## Interaction 158-618

### Contact

**Contact Name:** Lisi Sennett  
**E-mail Address:** azlisi@yahoo.com  
**Contact ID:** 120-098

### Interaction History

#### E-mail received from Contact Lisi Sennett on January 18 2004, 04:33 PM

**From:** Lisi Sennett  
**To:** Comments, DOT; agsec@usda.gov; Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov  
**Date:** Sunday, January 18, 2004 04:42 PM  
**Subject:** Animal Welfare on Flights

Dear Honorable Norman, Veneman, & Bolton:

As a member of the flying public, I am writing to urge you to wrap up the animal welfare process for airlines so they are held accountable for the treatment of animals in their care. I understand that you have a lot on your plate, but who doesn't these days.

Just as a reminder, Congress passed a law in April 2000 requiring airlines to report incidents of loss, injury or death to animals during commercial flights -- rather than just as lost baggage -- and requiring the Dept. of Transportation (DOT) to make these reports public on a monthly basis. After publishing a draft and receiving thousands of letters from the public, DOT issued its "final" rule in August to implement this reporting requirement. Although DOT unfortunately decided on a narrow definition of "animal" (only covering companion animals), these reports will allow people to better gauge an airline's track record before deciding whether to fly their companion animals in cargo holds and, we hope, make airlines more careful. (For more information on this rule, see : [www.hsus.org/ace/19581](http://www.hsus.org/ace/19581) .)

Nearly four years after the bill passed Congress, the final rule has not yet taken effect, thanks to agency foot-dragging and a lack of communication between DOT, the Department of Agriculture (USDA), and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to resolve minor details. It's time they finish the rule and begin reporting on animal incidents as the law demands and the public expects.

For those four legged animals who can't speak for themselves, thank you in advance for your

assistance.

Sincerley,  
*Alicia Sennett*  
11415 E Bellflower Court  
Chandler, AZ 85249

"I HOLD THAT, THE MORE HELPLESS THE CREATURE, THE MORE ENTITLED IT  
IS TO PROTECTION BY MAN FROM THE CRUELITIES OF MAN."  
GANDHI

*Lisi Sennett*

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**From:** DotComments  
**To:** Lisi Sennett  
**Date:** Sunday, January 18, 2004 04:33 PM  
**Subject:** {BTSTL#158-618}Animal Welfare on Flights

Dear DOT Customer:

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Sincerely,

Reference Service Staff  
National Transportation Library

## Interaction 158-614

### Contact

**Contact Name:** MDolan7499@aol.com  
**E-mail Address:** MDolan7499@aol.com  
**Contact ID:** 120-095

### Interaction History

**E-mail received from Contact MDolan7499@aol.com on January 18 2004, 04:00 PM**

**From:** MDolan7499@aol.com  
**To:** Comments, DOT  
**Date:** Sunday, January 18, 2004 03:59 PM  
**Subject:** Commercial Flights

The Honorable Norman Mineta, Secretary of Transportation:

Are you aware that animal incidents on airlines are still not being reported?

As you likely know, Congress passed a law in April 2000 requiring airlines to report incidents of loss, injury or death to animals during commercial flights -- rather than just as lost baggage - and requiring the Dept. of Transportation (DOT) to make these reports public on a monthly basis. After publishing a draft and receiving thousands of letters from the public, DOT issued its "final" rule in August to implement this reporting requirement. Although DOT unfortunately decided on a narrow definition of "animal" (only covering companion animals), these reports will allow people to better gauge an airline's track record before deciding whether to fly their companion animals in cargo holds and, we hope, make airlines more careful.

Nearly four years after the bill passed Congress, the final rule has not yet taken effect, thanks to agency foot-dragging and a lack of communication between DOT, the Department of Agriculture (USDA), and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to resolve minor details. It's time they finish the rule and begin reporting on animal incidents as the law demands and the public expects. Please wrap up the process immediately so that airlines are more accountable for the treatment of animals in their care.

Sincerely,

Mary Dolan  
861 Plumwood St.  
Colton, CA 92324

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**Interaction 158-595****Contact**

**Contact Name:** Jeffrey Severino  
**E-mail Address:** severinoscuba@earthlink.net  
**Contact ID:** 120-083

**Interaction History****E-mail received from Contact Jeffrey Severino on January 18 2004, 02:45 PM**

**From:** Jeffrey Severino  
**To:** Comments, DOT; agsec@usda.gov; animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov  
**Date:** Sunday, January 18, 2004 02:44 PM  
**Subject:** Reporting of Animal Incidents on Airlines

Congress passed a law in April Of 2000 requiring that airlines report incidents of loss, injury or death of animals during commercial flights. Almost four years later, the Dept. of Transportation (DOT) issued its "final" rule as to how the reporting would be implemented. Now, this "final" rule has yet to take effect due to foot-dragging and lack of communication between the DOT, the Dept. of Agriculture, and the Office of Management and Budget. Let's get this process wrapped up so that the law can finally be implemented. This is what the public wants, and it is the government's responsibility to see that it is followed. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Jeff and Sue Severino  
Palmetto, FL

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**From:** DotComments  
**To:** Jeffrey Severino  
**Date:** Sunday, January 18, 2004 02:45 PM  
**Subject:** {BTSTL#158-595}Reporting of Animal Incidents on Airlines



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**Interaction 158-589****Contact**

**Contact Name:** automated-response@earthlink.net  
**E-mail Address:** automated-response@earthlink.net  
**Contact ID:** 072-168

**Interaction History****E-mail received from Contact Y.D. Jordan on January 18 2004, 02:18 PM**

**From:** Y.D. Jordan  
**To:** Comments, DOT; agsec@usda.gov; Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov  
**Date:** Sunday, January 18, 2004 02:27 PM  
**Subject:** U.S. Rule For Animals On Planes Still In Limbo

The Honorable Norman Mineta, Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 7th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20590

The Honorable Ann Veneman, Secretary of Agriculture  
U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, DC 20250

The Honorable Joshua Bolton, Director  
Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20503

Dear Mr. Mineta, Ms. Veneman and Mr. Bolton:

Four years have passed since Congress enacted a bill to implement protective measures for traveling companion animals. The law requires airlines to publicly disclose the loss, injury or death of animals aboard commercial flights.

The reporting requirement was supposed to take effect in August 2000. Yet due to delays and limited exchange between DOT, the Dept. of Agriculture, and the Office of Management and Budget, the law sits on a shelf gathering dust.

It is time for airlines to report trauma to animals on a monthly basis, as stipulated in the rule. The public has a right to assess an airline's history. The USDA should check all reports for violations of the Animal Welfare Act.

Every year an estimated 5,000 animals wind up lost, wounded or dead due to extreme temperatures, poor ventilation, or rough treatment during transport in cargo holds. The Calk family's ordeal began when American Airlines told them their golden retriever Jed "was not ready yet" after a flight from Newark to Los Angeles. After twenty minutes Jed was returned unconscious and soaked in urine, feces and vomit. He later died from suffocation due to oxygen deficiency during the flight.

When the Anzalones inquired about their boxer Enzo on a flight from St. Louis to Ft. Lauderdale, they were told:

"Enzo is smiling and drinking water." In fact, Enzo had already died. An autopsy indicated heat stress as the cause of death.

There is no excuse for one more Jed or Enzo. At the very least, airlines should be held responsible for these tragedies.

Please finalize the rule now. I also encourage you to expand its definition of "animal" to encompass any species en route to research laboratories, zoos or other facilities. The airlines need a system of accountability that prompts them to treat living beings humanely--rather than reduce them to lost or damaged baggage.

Thank you,

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**From:** DotComments  
**To:** Y.D. Jordan  
**Date:** Sunday, January 18, 2004 02:18 PM  
**Subject:** {BTSTL#158-589}U.S. Rule For Animals On Planes Still In Limbo

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**Interaction 158-586****Contact**

**Contact Name:** Leslie Irvine  
**E-mail Address:** Leslie.Irvine@colorado.edu  
**Contact ID:** 120-075

**Interaction History****E-mail received from Contact Leslie Irvine on January 18 2004, 02:03 PM**

**From:** Leslie Irvine  
**To:** Comments, DOT  
**Date:** Sunday, January 18, 2004 02:11 PM  
**Subject:** animal incidents on airlines

I am writing to urge you to complete the final rule requiring the reporting of animal deaths and injuries on airlines. Consumers deserve to know the track records of various airlines. Please do whatever is necessary to put this process into action.

Thank you.

Leslie Irvine  
1531 Lefthand Drive  
Longmont CO 80501

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**From:** DotComments  
**To:** Leslie Irvine  
**Date:** Sunday, January 18, 2004 02:03 PM  
**Subject:** {BTSTL#158-586}animal incidents on airlines

Dear DOT Customer:

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**Interaction 158-585****Contact**

**Contact Name:** Timothy White  
**E-mail Address:** twhite@telcel.net.ve  
**Contact ID:** 120-074

**Interaction History****E-mail received from Contact Timothy White on January 18 2004, 02:00 PM**

**From:** Timothy White  
**To:** Comments, DOT  
**Date:** Sunday, January 18, 2004 02:08 PM  
**Subject:** Animal Transport

To: Honorable Norman Mineta

Congress passed a law back in 2000 requiring that all airlines report incidences of loss, injury or death to animals they are transporting. To date, this information is still unavailable. I urge you to expedite the process requiring the monthly reports from commercial airlines as dictated by the legislation. This is important information that the general public has a right to have access to. Since I am currently living outside of the country but will need to return to the United States within the next two years with my three pet dogs, I have a personal interest in this information as well. Thank you in advance for your assistance in this matter.

Christine White  
P.O. Box 249  
Milford, MI 48381

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**From:** DotComments  
**To:** Timothy White

## Interaction 158-582

### Contact

**Contact Name:** Palisi734@aol.com  
**E-mail Address:** Palisi734@aol.com  
**Contact ID:** 120-071

### Interaction History

**E-mail received from Contact Palisi734@aol.com on January 18 2004, 02:00 PM**

**From:** Palisi734@aol.com  
**To:** Comments, DOT; agsec@usda.gov; Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov  
**Date:** Sunday, January 18, 2004 02:05 PM  
**Subject:** citizen concern

The Honorable Norman Mineta, Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 7th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20590  
ph: 202-366-1111; fax: 202-366-7202

The Honorable Ann Veneman, Secretary of Agriculture  
U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, DC 20250  
ph: 202-720-3631; fax: 202-720-2166, 202-720-6314

The Honorable Joshua Bolton, Director  
Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20503  
ph: 202-395-4840; fax: 202-395-3888

Dear Mr. Mineta, Ms. Veneman and Mr. Bolton:

Four years have passed since Congress enacted a bill to implement protective measures for traveling companion animals. The law requires airlines to publicly disclose the loss, injury or death of animals aboard commercial flights.

The reporting requirement was supposed to take effect in August 2000. Yet due to delays and limited exchange between DOT, the Dept. of Agriculture, and the Office of Management and Budget, the law sits on a shelf gathering dust.

It is time for airlines to report trauma to animals on a monthly basis, as stipulated in the rule. The public has a right to assess an airline's history. The USDA should check all reports for violations of the Animal Welfare Act.

Every year an estimated 5,000 animals wind up lost, wounded or dead due to extreme temperatures, poor ventilation, or rough treatment during transport in cargo holds. The Calk family's ordeal began when American Airlines told them their golden retriever Jed "was not ready yet" after a flight from Newark to Los Angeles. After twenty minutes Jed was returned unconscious and soaked in urine, feces and vomit. He later died from suffocation due to oxygen deficiency during the flight.

When the Anzalones inquired about their boxer Enzo on a flight from St. Louis to Ft. Lauderdale, they were told:

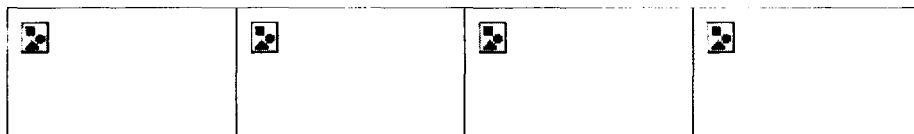
"Enzo is smiling and drinking water." In fact, Enzo had already died. An autopsy indicated heat stress as the cause of death.

There is no excuse for one more Jed or Enzo. At the very least, airlines should be held responsible for these tragedies.

Please finalize the rule now. I also encourage you to expand its definition of "animal" to encompass any species en route to research laboratories, zoos or other facilities. The airlines need a system of accountability that prompts them to treat living beings humanely--rather than reduce them to lost or damaged baggage.

Thank you,

Mary Palisi  
76 Woods Road  
Florence, MA 01062



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**From:** DotComments  
**To:** Palisi734@aol.com  
**Date:** Sunday, January 18, 2004 02:00 PM  
**Subject:** {BTSTL#158-582}citizen concern

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## Interaction 158-578

### Contact

**Contact Name:** DeborahRosier@aol.com  
**E-mail Address:** DeborahRosier@aol.com  
**Contact ID:** 120-067

### Interaction History

**E-mail received from Contact DeborahRosier@aol.com on January 18 2004, 01:33 PM**

**From:** DeborahRosier@aol.com  
**To:** Comments, DOT; agsec@usda.gov; Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov  
**Date:** Sunday, January 18, 2004 01:41 PM  
**Subject:** protective measures

Dear Mr. Mineta, Ms. Veneman and Mr. Bolton:

This letter accurately expresses my views regarding this issue and is sent by me as an individual. I kindly ask that you consider it as such.

Four years have passed since Congress enacted a bill to implement protective measures for traveling companion animals. The law requires airlines to publicly disclose the loss, injury or death of animals aboard commercial flights.

The reporting requirement was supposed to take effect in August 2000. Yet due to delays and limited exchange between DOT, the Dept. of Agriculture, and the Office of Management and Budget, the law sits on a shelf gathering dust.

It is time for airlines to report trauma to animals on a monthly basis, as stipulated in the rule. The public has a right to assess an airline's history. The USDA should check all reports for violations of the Animal Welfare Act.

Every year an estimated 5,000 animals wind up lost, wounded or dead due to extreme temperatures, poor ventilation, or rough treatment during transport in cargo holds. The Calk family's ordeal began when American Airlines told them their golden retriever Jed "was not ready yet" after a flight from Newark to Los Angeles. After twenty minutes Jed was returned unconscious and soaked in urine, feces and vomit. He later died from suffocation due to oxygen deficiency during the flight.

When the Anzalones inquired about their boxer Enzo on a flight from St. Louis to Ft. Lauderdale, they were told:

"Enzo is smiling and drinking water." In fact, Enzo had already died. An autopsy indicated heat stress as the cause of death.

There is no excuse for one more Jed or Enzo. At the very least, airlines should be held responsible for these tragedies.

Please finalize the rule now. I also encourage you to expand its definition of "animal" to encompass any species en route to research laboratories, zoos or other facilities. The airlines need a system of accountability that prompts them to treat living beings humanely--rather than reduce them to lost or damaged baggage.

Thank you,

Deborah Rosier

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**From:** DotComments  
**To:** DeborahRosier@aol.com  
**Date:** Sunday, January 18, 2004 01:33 PM  
**Subject:** {BTSTL#158-578}protective measures

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Sincerely,

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## Interaction 158-577

### Contact

**Contact Name:** Sybil Erden  
**E-mail Address:** oasis@theriver.com  
**Contact ID:** 120-066

### Interaction History

#### E-mail received from Contact Sybil Erden on January 18 2004, 01:18 PM

**From:** Sybil Erden  
**To:** Comments, DOT; agsec@usda.gov; Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov  
**Date:** Sunday, January 18, 2004 01:23 PM  
**Subject:** Animals on planes....

The Honorable Norman Mineta, Secretary of Transportation  
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The Honorable Ann Veneman, Secretary of Agriculture  
U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, DC 20250  
ph: 202-720-3631; fax: 202-720-2166, 202-720-6314; email: agsec@usda.gov

The Honorable Joshua Bolton, Director  
Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20503  
ph: 202-395-4840; fax: 202-395-3888; email: Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov

Dear Mr. Mineta, Ms. Veneman and Mr. Bolton:

Four years have passed since Congress enacted a bill to implement protective measures for traveling companion animals. The law requires airlines to publicly disclose the loss, injury or death of animals aboard commercial flights.

The reporting requirement was supposed to take effect in August 2000. Yet due to delays and limited exchange between DOT, the Dept. of Agriculture, and the Office of Management and Budget, the law

sits on a shelf gathering dust.

It is time for airlines to report trauma to animals on a monthly basis, as stipulated in the rule. The public has a right to assess an airline's history. The USDA should check all reports for violations of the Animal Welfare Act.

Every year an estimated 5,000 animals wind up lost, wounded or dead due to extreme temperatures, poor ventilation, or rough treatment during transport in cargo holds. The Calk family's ordeal began when American Airlines told them their golden retriever Jed "was not ready yet" after a flight from Newark to Los Angeles. After twenty minutes Jed was returned unconscious and soaked in urine, feces and vomit. He later died from suffocation due to oxygen deficiency during the flight.

When the Anzalones inquired about their boxer Enzo on a flight from St. Louis to Ft. Lauderdale, they were told:

"Enzo is smiling and drinking water." In fact, Enzo had already died. An autopsy indicated heat stress as the cause of death.

There is no excuse for one more Jed or Enzo. At the very least, airlines should be held responsible for these tragedies.

Please finalize the rule now. I also encourage you to expand its definition of "animal" to encompass any species en route to research laboratories, zoos or other facilities. The airlines need a system of accountability that prompts them to treat living beings humanely--rather than reduce them to lost or damaged baggage.

Thank you,

Sybil Erden  
 Director - The Oasis Sanctuary  
[www.the-oasis.org](http://www.the-oasis.org)  
 Facilitator - The Avian Rescue Network  
[www.avianrescuenetwork.org](http://www.avianrescuenetwork.org)  
 Secretary, Bd. of Directors - The American Sanctuary Association  
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**From:** DotComments  
**To:** Sybil Erden  
**Date:** Sunday, January 18, 2004 01:18 PM  
**Subject:** {BTSTL#158-577}Animals on planes....

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**Interaction 158-569****Contact**

**Contact Name:** Heather Chase  
**E-mail Address:** hchase@modelswc.com  
**Contact ID:** 120-061

**Interaction History****E-mail received from Contact Heather Chase on January 18 2004, 12:45 PM**

**From:** Heather Chase  
**To:** Comments, DOT; agsec@usda.gov; Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov  
**Date:** Sunday, January 18, 2004 12:44 PM  
**Subject:** animals on airlines

The Honorable Norman Mineta, Honorable Ann Veneman, Honorable Joshua Bolton:

I understand that congress passed a law in April 2000 requiring airlines to report incidents of loss, injury or death to animals during commercial flights -- rather than just as lost baggage - and requiring the Dept. of Transportation (DOT) to make these reports public on a monthly basis. Nearly four years after the bill passed Congress, the final rule has not yet taken effect. Please finish the rule and begin reporting on animal incidents as the law demands and the public expects so that airlines are more accountable for the treatment of animals in their care. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Heather Chase  
P.O. Box 4165  
Sedona, AZ 86340  
[hchase@modelswc.com](mailto:hchase@modelswc.com)

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**Interaction 158-560****Contact**

**Contact Name:** Caroline Harzewski  
**E-mail Address:** harzewski@yahoo.com  
**Contact ID:** 120-055

**Interaction History**

**E-mail received from Contact Caroline Harzewski on January 18 2004, 11:30 AM**

**From:** Caroline Harzewski  
**To:** Comments, DOT  
**Date:** Sunday, January 18, 2004 11:34 AM  
**Subject:** requiring airlines to report on animal incidents

Dear The Honorable Norman Mineta:

Congress passed a law in April 2000 requiring airlines to report incidents of loss, injury or death to animals during commercial flights -- rather than just as lost baggage -- and requiring the DOT to make these reports public on a monthly basis. DOT issued its "final" rule in August to implement this reporting requirement; it's time to finish the rule and begin reporting on animal incidents as the law demands and the public expects. Please wrap up the process immediately so that airlines are more accountable for the treatment of animals in their care.

Thank you,  
Caroline Harzewski  
New York, NY

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**Interaction 158-554****Contact**

**Contact Name:** Marilyn Jasper  
**E-mail Address:** mjasper@accessbee.com  
**Contact ID:** 120-051

**Interaction History****E-mail received from Contact Marilyn Jasper on January 18 2004, 10:48 AM**

**From:** Marilyn Jasper  
**To:** Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov; agsec@usda.gov; Comments, DOT  
**Date:** Sunday, January 18, 2004 10:55 AM  
**Subject:** REporting animal incidents/deaths on commercial flights

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Please finish the rule passed by Congress in April 2000 requiring airlines to report incidents of loss, injury or death to animals during commercial flights -- rather than just as lost baggage. Please demand that reporting on animal incidents, as the law demands and the public expects, begin immediately. Please stop the delays on this law so that airlines are more accountable for the treatment of animals in their care.

Thank you.

Marilyn Jasper

**Assigned to (None) by System on January 18 2004, 10:48 AM**

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**From:** DotComments  
**To:** Marilyn Jasper  
**Date:** Sunday, January 18, 2004 10:48 AM  
**Subject:** {BTSTL# 158-554}REporting animal incidents/deaths on commercial flights

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**Interaction 158-550****Contact**

**Contact Name:** Courtney Phillips  
**E-mail Address:** crose8803@yahoo.com  
**Contact ID:** 120-048

**Interaction History**

**E-mail received from Contact Courtney Phillips on January 18 2004, 09:18 AM**

**From:** Courtney Phillips  
**To:** Comments, DOT  
**Date:** Sunday, January 18, 2004 09:26 AM  
**Subject:** animals on planes

it has recently come to my attention that a law passed four years ago to publicly announce companion animal deaths and injuries has still not been passed. I think this may simply be a communication problem that should be cleared up as soon as possible. I think it is important for people to know what goes on with their animals while traveling on an airline.

thank you so much  
courtney

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**Interaction 158-543****Contact**

**Contact Name:** Eileen Kinghorn  
**E-mail Address:** eileen\_kinghorn@hotmail.com  
**Contact ID:** 120-044

**Interaction History**

**E-mail received from Contact Eileen Kinghorn on January 18 2004, 07:30 AM**

**From:** Eileen Kinghorn  
**To:**  
**Date:** Sunday, January 18, 2004 07:28 AM  
**Cc:** Comments, DOT; agsec@usda.gov; Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov  
**Subject:**

The Honorable Norman Mineta, Secretary of Transportation  
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Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20503

Dear Mr. Mineta, Ms. Veneman and Mr. Bolton:

Four years have passed since Congress enacted a bill to implement protective measures for traveling companion animals. The law requires airlines to publicly disclose the loss, injury or death of animals aboard commercial flights.

The reporting requirement was supposed to take effect in August 2000. Yet due to delays and limited exchange between DOT, the Dept. of Agriculture, and the Office of Management and Budget, the law

sits on a shelf gathering dust.

It is time for airlines to report trauma to animals on a monthly basis, as stipulated in the rule. The public has a right to assess an airline's history. The USDA should check all reports ! for violations of the Animal Welfare Act.

Every year an estimated 5,000 animals wind up lost, wounded or dead due to extreme temperatures, poor ventilation, or rough treatment during transport in cargo holds. The Calk family's ordeal began when American Airlines told them their golden retriever Jed "was not ready yet" after a flight from Newark to Los Angeles. After twenty minutes Jed was returned unconscious and soaked in urine, feces and vomit. He later died from suffocation due to oxygen deficiency during the flight.

When the Anzalones inquired about their boxer Enzo on a flight from St. Louis to Ft. Lauderdale, they were told:  
"Enzo is smiling and drinking water." In fact, Enzo had already died. An autopsy indicated heat stress as the cause of death.

There is no excuse for one more Jed or Enzo. At the very least, airlines should be held responsible for these tragedies.

Please finalize the rule now. I also encourage you to expand its definition of "animal" to encompass any species en route to research laboratories, zoos or other facilities. The airlines need a system of accountability that prompts them to treat living beings humanely--rather than reduce them to lost or damaged baggage.

Sincerely,

E Kinghorn, 59 Garner Road, London, E17 4HG, England

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**From:** DotComments  
**To:** Eileen Kinghorn  
**Date:** Sunday, January 18, 2004 07:30 AM  
**Subject:** {BTSTL#158-543}



## Interaction 158-528

### Contact

**Contact Name:** b soltis  
**E-mail Address:** bsoltis3@yahoo.com  
**Contact ID:** 120-034

### Interaction History

**E-mail received from Contact b soltis on January 18 2004, 03:30 AM**

**From:** b soltis  
**To:** Comments, DOT  
**Date:** Sunday, January 18, 2004 03:30 AM  
**Subject:** ANIMAL INCIDENTS ON AIRLINES STILL NOT BEING REPORTED

Secretary of Transportation  
The Honorable Norman Mineta,

Congress passed a law in April 2000 requiring airlines to report incidents of loss, injury or death to animals during commercial flights -- rather than just as lost baggage -- and requiring the Dept. of Transportation (DOT) to make these reports public on a monthly basis. After publishing a draft and receiving thousands of letters from the public, DOT issued its "final" rule in August to implement this reporting requirement. Although DOT unfortunately decided on a narrow definition of "animal" (only covering companion animals), these reports will allow people to better gauge an airline's track record before deciding whether to fly their companion animals in cargo holds and, we hope, make airlines more careful.

Nearly four years after the bill passed Congress, the final rule has not yet taken effect, thanks to agency foot-dragging and a lack of communication between DOT, the Department of Agriculture (USDA), and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to resolve minor details. **It's time that you finish the rule and begin reporting on animal incidents as the law demands and the public expects.**

I urge you to wrap up the process immediately so that airlines are more accountable for the treatment of animals in their care.

Sincerely,

B Soltis

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## Interaction 158-528

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**Contact Name:** b soltis  
**E-mail Address:** bsoltis3@yahoo.com  
**Contact ID:** 120-034

### Interaction History

#### E-mail received from Contact b soltis on January 18 2004, 03:30 AM

**From:** b soltis  
**To:** Comments, DOT  
**Date:** Sunday, January 18, 2004 03:30 AM  
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Sincerely,

B Soltis

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**Interaction 159-721****Contact**

**Contact Name:** liannamf79@netzero.net  
**E-mail Address:** liannamf79@netzero.net  
**Contact ID:** 120-882

**Interaction History**

**E-mail received from Contact [liannamf79@netzero.net](mailto:liannamf79@netzero.net) on January 22 2004, 10:04 AM**

**From:** liannamf79@netzero.net  
**To:** Comments, DOT  
**Date:** Thursday, January 22, 2004 10:10 AM  
**Subject:**

Dear Mr. Mineta, Ms. Veneman and Mr. Bolton:

I am writing in regards to protective measures for companion animals traveling with their guardians on airlines. Four years have passed since Congress enacted a bill to implement protective measures for traveling companion animals. The law requires airlines to publicly disclose the loss, injury or death of animals aboard commercial flights.

The reporting requirement was supposed to take effect in August 2000. Yet due to delays and limited exchange between DOT, the Dept. of Agriculture, and the Office of Management and Budget, the law sits on a shelf gathering dust.

It is time for airlines to report trauma to animals on a monthly basis, as stipulated in the rule. The public has a right to assess an airline's history. The USDA should check all reports for violations of the Animal Welfare Act.

Every year an estimated 5,000 animals wind up lost, wounded or dead due to extreme temperatures, poor ventilation, or rough treatment during transport in cargo holds. The Calk family's ordeal began when American Airlines told them their golden retriever Jed "was not ready yet" after a flight from Newark to Los Angeles. After twenty minutes Jed was returned unconscious and soaked in urine, feces and vomit. He later died from suffocation due to oxygen deficiency during the flight.

Another horror case: when the Anzaloneâ€™s asked about their boxer, Enzo on a flight from St. Louis to Ft. Lauderdale, they were told: "Enzo is smiling and drinking water." In fact, Enzo had already died. An autopsy indicated heat stress as the cause of death.

To date, there are so many tragic endings from companion animals on airlines. I would never in a million years trust any of my cats to be safe on any airline period. If I had to experience the loss of my pet because the airlines didnâ€™t care properly for her, I would make a huge scene in that airports terminal and demand that something be done. Animals are not replaceable; they are not lost luggage with clothes that you can go and purchase again, they are true members of the family. I compare this to saying you lost my child on the flight, my cats are my children and I would only expect the best. To this date, if I had to fly with my cats, I would only use the pet friendly airline, where I can be assured that they are OK, since they can either travel under your seat, or for big dogs can travel in the back, not underneath where people sit. This new and wonderful airline is called Companion Air, in case you have not heard of it yet. They are still working on adding more flights to accommodate others around the U.S. There is no excuse for any more of these tragic insitences. At the very least, airlines should be held responsible for these tragedies and admit their wrongdoing to the public and the animals guardian.

I am asking for you to please finalize the rule now. I also encourage you to expand its definition of "animal" to encompass any species en route to research laboratories, zoos or other facilities. The airlines need a system of accountability that prompts them to treat living beings humanely, rather than reduce them to the status of lost or damaged baggage.

Sincerely,  
Lianna Fielder

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**Auto acknowledgement sent on January 22 2004, 10:04 AM**

**From:** DotComments  
**To:** liannamf79@netzero.net  
**Date:** Thursday, January 22, 2004 10:04 AM  
**Subject:** {BTSTL#159-721}

Dear DOT Customer:

Thank you for contacting the Department of Transportation. Your email has been forwarded to the National Transportation Library Reference Service in the Bureau of Transportation Statistics. This is to

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**Interaction 158-477****Contact**

**Contact Name:** Viinikai@aol.com  
**E-mail Address:** Viinikai@aol.com  
**Contact ID:** 119-994

**Interaction History**

**E-mail received from Contact Viinikai@aol.com on January 17 2004, 06:48 PM**

**From:** Viinikai@aol.com  
**To:** Comments, DOT  
**Date:** Saturday, January 17, 2004 06:56 PM  
**Subject:** Help Make Airlines Accountable for the Treatment of Animals in Their Care

The Honorable Norman Mineta, Secretary of Transportation

Dear Mr. Mineta:

It has been almost four years since Congress passed a law requiring airlines to report incidents of loss, injury, or death to animals during commercial flights. As an animal lover and occasional traveler, I applauded their decision to make airlines accountable for the companion animals they transport. However, I have recently read that, due to minor details, the Department of Transportation has not yet begun making these reports public on a monthly basis. Please do whatever you can to resolve all remaining difficulties and make these reports available to the public as soon as possible. Airline patrons, especially those traveling with their pets, have a right to know. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Suzanne R.

Viinikainen

1800 Parrot  
Troy, MI

48084

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**Interaction 158-485****Contact**

**Contact Name:** PargieC@aol.com  
**E-mail Address:** PargieC@aol.com  
**Contact ID:** 120-002

**Interaction History**

**E-mail received from Contact PargieC@aol.com on January 17 2004, 07:33 PM**

**From:** PargieC@aol.com  
**To:** Comments, DOT  
**Date:** Saturday, January 17, 2004 07:39 PM  
**Subject:** (no subject)

**Honorabe Norman Mineta, Sect. of Transportation**

**I urge you to finish the rule of reporting requirement as to incidents of loss, injury, or death to animals during commercial flights. Start reporting on animal incidents as the law demands and the public expects. Please wrap up the process immediately so airlines are more accountable for treatment of animals in their care. Thank you.**

**Mrs Marjorie M Cast  
Miami, Florida**

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**From:** DotComments  
**To:** PargieC@aol.com  
**Date:** Saturday, January 17, 2004 07:33 PM  
**Subject:** {BTSTL#158-485}(no subject)

**Interaction 158-479****Contact**

**Contact Name:** Jean Fox  
**E-mail Address:** jlfox@execpc.com  
**Contact ID:** 119-996

**Interaction History**

**E-mail received from Contact Jean Fox on January 17 2004, 06:58 PM**

**From:** Jean Fox  
**To:** Comments, DOT  
**Date:** Saturday, January 17, 2004 07:06 PM  
**Subject:** animals on airlines

It's time you finish the rule and begin reporting on animal incidents as the law demands and the public expects. Please wrap up the process immediately so that airlines are more accountable for the treatment of animals in their care.

**Assigned to (None) by System on January 17 2004, 06:58 PM**

**Auto acknowledgement sent on January 17 2004, 06:58 PM**

**From:** DotComments  
**To:** Jean Fox  
**Date:** Saturday, January 17, 2004 06:58 PM  
**Subject:** {BTSTL#158-479}animals on airlines

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**Interaction 158-523****Contact**

**Contact Name:** whittmh@aol.com  
**E-mail Address:** whittmh@aol.com  
**Contact ID:** 049-366

**Interaction History**

**E-mail received from Contact Whittmh@aol.com on January 18 2004, 03:00 AM**

**From:** Whittmh@aol.com  
**To:** Comments, DOT  
**Date:** Sunday, January 18, 2004 03:01 AM  
**Subject:** 1/18/04

Addressed to the Honorable Norman Mineta:

I am very concerned with the fact that injuries and deaths of animals on board airplanes are not being reported, as required, due to minor problems between the USDA, DOT and OMB. This is an extremely important issue to both humans and animals, and I urge you to please resolve the issue immediately so that airlines are more accountable for the treatment of animals in their care. Thank you.

Whitney Helms

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**From:** DotComments  
**To:** Whittmh@aol.com  
**Date:** Sunday, January 18, 2004 03:00 AM  
**Subject:** {BTSTL#158-523}1/18/04

Dear DOT Customer:



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**Interaction 158-522****Contact**

**Contact Name:** Karen Kirchdoerfer  
**E-mail Address:** klkirch@rcn.com  
**Contact ID:** 120-030

**Interaction History**

**E-mail received from Contact Karen Kirchdoerfer on January 18 2004, 02:45 AM**

**From:** Karen Kirchdoerfer  
**To:** Comments, DOT; agsec@usda.gov; Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov  
**Date:** Sunday, January 18, 2004 02:48 AM  
**Subject:** Animal Incidents on Airlines Rule

It's time your agencies finish the rule on reporting on animal incidents as the law demands and the public expects. Please wrap up the process immediately so that airlines are more accountable for the treatment of animals in their care. A nation that treats other species as objects cannot rightfully call itself "civilized".

Karen Kirchdoerfer  
2105 Fuller St.  
Whitehall, PA 18052

**Assigned to (None) by System on January 18 2004, 02:45 AM**

**Auto acknowledgement sent on January 18 2004, 02:45 AM**

**From:** DotComments  
**To:** Karen Kirchdoerfer  
**Date:** Sunday, January 18, 2004 02:45 AM  
**Subject:** {BTSTL#158-522}Animal Incidents on Airlines Rule

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**Interaction 158-519****Contact**

**Contact Name:** Gail Lewis  
**E-mail Address:** pitbulllady@earthlink.net  
**Contact ID:** 120-027

**Interaction History**

**E-mail received from Contact Gail Lewis on January 18 2004, 02:15 AM**

**From:** Gail Lewis  
**To:** Comments, DOT; agsec@usda.gov; animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov  
**Date:** Sunday, January 18, 2004 02:18 AM  
**Subject:** Animal Incidents on Airlines

**Dear People,**

**Congress passed a bill FOUR YEARS ago, yet thanks to agency foot dragging the law has not taken affect yet. PLEASE wrap up the process immediately so that airlines are more accountable for the treatment of animals in their care and the law is obeyed.**

**Sincerely,  
Gail Ann Lewis  
47 Rainbow Ridge  
Irvine, CA 92612  
[pitbulllady@earthlink.net](mailto:pitbulllady@earthlink.net)**

**Assigned to (None) by System on January 18 2004, 02:15 AM**

**Auto acknowledgement sent on January 18 2004, 02:15 AM**

**From:** DotComments  
**To:** Gail Lewis

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**Interaction 158-517****Contact**

**Contact Name:** Brian Smith  
**E-mail Address:** scorpio398@planet-save.com  
**Contact ID:** 120-026

**Interaction History**

**E-mail received from Contact Brian Smith on January 18 2004, 01:48 AM**

**From:** Brian Smith  
**To:** Comments, DOT  
**Date:** Sunday, January 18, 2004 01:53 AM  
**Subject:** Please make airlines accountable for treatment of animals

Dear Honorable Norman Mineta:

I am writing regarding a law that Congress passed in April 2000 requiring airlines to report incidents of loss, injury or death to animals during commercial flights -- rather than just as lost baggage -- and requiring the Dept. of Transportation to make these reports public on a monthly basis. I recently learned that, nearly four years after the bill passed Congress, the final rule has not yet taken effect. I believe that it's time you finish the rule and begin reporting on animal incidents as the law demands and the public expects. Therefore, I urge you to please to wrap up the process immediately so that airlines are more accountable for the treatment of animals in their care.

Thank you in advance for your compassion.

Regards,  
Brian Smith  
1202 N Pearl St #E104  
Tacoma, WA 98406

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## Interaction 158-513

### Contact

**Contact Name:** Gina Eichler  
**E-mail Address:** calilove415@hotmail.com  
**Contact ID:** 120-023

### Interaction History

**E-mail received from Contact Gina Eichler on January 18 2004, 12:15 AM**

**From:** Gina Eichler  
**To:**  
**Date:** Sunday, January 18, 2004 12:15 AM  
**Subject:**

Congress passed a law in April 2000 requiring airlines to report incidents of loss, injury or death to animals during commercial flights -- rather than just as lost baggage -- and requiring the Dept. of Transportation (DOT) to make these reports public on a monthly basis. I am writing to plead with you that you please wrap up the process and begin reporting on animal incidents as the law demands and the public expects so that airlines are more accountable for the treatment of animals in their care.

The animals and I thank you.

Sincerely,

Gina Eichler

University of California, Berkeley, Boalt School of Law

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**Interaction 158-066****Contact**

**Contact Name:** Connie Curnow  
**E-mail Address:** cscurnow@hotmail.com  
**Contact ID:** 119-709

**Interaction History**

**Media: E-mail. Received. From Contact: Connie Curnow. Time: 1/16/2004 12:33:18 PM.**

**From:** Connie Curnow  
**To:** Comments, DOT  
**Date:** Friday, January 16, 2004 12:42 PM  
**Subject:** ANIMAL INCIDENTS ON AIRLINES STILL NOT BEING REPORTED

Dear Norman Mineta, Secretary of Transportation

**ANIMAL INCIDENTS ON AIRLINES STILL NOT BEING REPORTED!!!**

Congress passed a law in April 2000 requiring airlines to report incidents of loss, injury or death to animals during commercial flights -- rather than just as lost baggage -- and requiring the Dept. of Transportation (DOT) to make these reports public on a monthly basis. After publishing a draft and receiving thousands of letters from the public, DOT issued its "final" rule in August to implement this reporting requirement. Although DOT unfortunately decided on a narrow definition of "animal" (only covering companion animals), these reports will allow people to better gauge an airline's track record before deciding whether to fly their companion animals in cargo holds and, we hope, make airlines more careful.

Nearly four years after the bill passed Congress, the final rule has not yet taken effect, thanks to agency foot-dragging and a lack of communication between DOT, the Department of Agriculture (USDA), and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to resolve minor details. It's time YOU finish the rule and BEGIN reporting on animal incidents AS the law demands AND the public expects!!!! The airlines must be held accountable for the treatment of animals in their care!!!!

When and what are you going to do about this??????

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**Interaction 158-504****Contact**

**Contact Name:** Dominick  
**E-mail Address:** dominick@ecoisp.com  
**Contact ID:** 120-017

**Interaction History****E-mail received from Contact Dominick on January 17 2004, 11:30 PM**

**From:** Dominick  
**To:** Comments, DOT  
**Date:** Saturday, January 17, 2004 11:29 PM  
**Cc:** agsec@usda.gov; Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov  
**Subject:**

Please pass a rule, immediately requiring airlines to report whenever an animal in transit becomes lost, injured, or killed.

Congress passed a law in April, 2000, requiring airlines to make such reports. The Department of Transportation, the Agriculture Department, and the Office of Management and Budget are way overdue in issuing a rule to implement this law. Consumers and animals have been without protection for almost 4 years.

Thank you for your help.

Dominick Falzone

1307 Federal Ave. #12  
Los Angeles, CA 90025

dominick@ecoisp.com

**Assigned to (None) by System on January 17 2004, 11:30 PM**

**Auto acknowledgement sent on January 17 2004, 11:30 PM**

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**Interaction 158-067****Contact**

**Contact Name:** Lynne  
**E-mail Address:** doggiemommie@excite.com  
**Contact ID:** 119-710

**Interaction History**

**Media: E-mail. Received. From Contact: Lynne. Time: 1/16/2004 12:38:04 PM.**

**From:** Lynne  
**To:** Comments, DOT  
**Date:** Friday, January 16, 2004 12:44 PM  
**Subject:** Airlines and Animal Protection

To The Honorable Norman Mineta,  
Secretary of Transportation:

It's almost four years after the bill passed Congress and the final rule has not yet taken effect, thanks to agency foot-dragging and a lack of communication between DOT, the Department of Agriculture (USDA), and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to resolve minor details. It's time they finish the rule and begin reporting on animal incidents as the law demands and the public expects. Please urge them to wrap up the process immediately so that airlines are more accountable for the treatment of animals in their care.

Thank you for listening to my plea,

Sincerely,

Lynne Holley, Lake Forest, CA

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**Interaction 158-502****Contact**

**Contact Name:** David Burkhart  
**E-mail Address:** merlinhawk@msn.com  
**Contact ID:** 120-015

**Interaction History****E-mail received from Contact David Burkhart on January 17 2004, 10:30 PM**

**From:** David Burkhart  
**To:** Comments, DOT; agsec@usda.gov; Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov  
**Date:** Saturday, January 17, 2004 10:35 PM  
**Subject:** Airline animals

Dear Sirs:

Please wrap up the process of requiring airlines to report incidents of loss, injury or death to animals during commercial flights immediately so that airlines are more accountable for the treatment of animals in their care.

Thank you,

David Burkhart  
7735 Sunnyside Road SE  
Salem, OR 97306

**Assigned to (None) by System on January 17 2004, 10:30 PM**

**Auto acknowledgement sent on January 17 2004, 10:30 PM**

**From:** DotComments



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**Interaction 158-500****Contact**

**Contact Name:** rudy dankwort  
**E-mail Address:** rdankwor@pcslink.com  
**Contact ID:** 120-013

**Interaction History****E-mail received from Contact rudy dankwort on January 17 2004, 09:48 PM**

**From:** rudy dankwort  
**To:** Comments, DOT; agsec@usda.gov; Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov  
**Date:** Saturday, January 17, 2004 09:57 PM  
**Subject:**

Will you please stop behaving like right-wing Republicans and start obeying the law by implementing the nearly 4-year-old regulation passed by Congress and mandating reporting of companion animal casualties in airlines.

I am very disappointed at this yet another example of the hypocrisy of 'compassionate conservatism'.

Rudy Dankwort  
8121 North 8th Ave.  
Phoenix, AZ 85021

**Assigned to (None) by System on January 17 2004, 09:48 PM****Auto acknowledgement sent on January 17 2004, 09:48 PM**

**From:** DotComments  
**To:** rudy dankwort

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**Interaction 158-076****Contact**

**Contact Name:** Leslie Malcolmson  
**E-mail Address:** lmalcolmson@voyager.net  
**Contact ID:** 119-717

**Interaction History**

**Media: E-mail. Received. From Contact: Leslie Malcolmson. Time: 1/16/2004 1:03:12 PM.**

**From:** Leslie Malcolmson  
**To:** Comments, DOT  
**Date:** Friday, January 16, 2004 01:09 PM  
**Subject:** (no subject)

To: The Honorable Norman Mineta, Secretary of Transportation

Congress passed a law in April 2000 requiring airlines to report incidents of loss, injury or death to animals during commercial flights -- rather than just as lost baggage -- and requiring the Dept. of Transportation (DOT) to make these reports public on a monthly basis.

Nearly four years after the bill passed Congress, the final rule has not yet taken effect, thanks to agency foot-dragging and a lack of communication between DOT, the Department of Agriculture (USDA), and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to resolve minor details.

It's time that you finish the rule and begin reporting on animal incidents as the law demands and the public expects.

Please wrap up the process immediately so that airlines are more accountable for the treatment of animals in their care.

Leslie Malcolmson  
4142 Cass, Apt. 202  
Detroit, MI 48201

**Assigned to: (None). By: System. Time: 1/16/2004 1:03:12 PM.**

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## Interaction 158-488

### Contact

**Contact Name:** Bobbie Flowers  
**E-mail Address:** Bobbie.Flowers@LIU.EDU  
**Contact ID:** 120-005

### Interaction History

#### E-mail received from Contact Bobbie Flowers on January 17 2004, 08:15 PM

**From:** Bobbie Flowers  
**To:** Comments, DOT  
**Date:** Saturday, January 17, 2004 08:22 PM  
**Subject:** Please wrap up the process of animals in airlines care.

1/17/04

Nearly four years after the bill passed Congress, the final rule has not yet taken effect, thanks to agency foot-dragging and a lack of communication between DOT, the Department of Agriculture (USDA), and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to resolve minor details. It's time they finish the rule and begin reporting on animal incidents as the law demands and the public expects. Please I contact the following and urge them to wrap up the process immediately so that airlines are more accountable for the treatment of animals in their care.

1. The Honorable Norman Mineta, Secretary of Transportation

E-mail: [dot.comments@ost.dot.gov](mailto:dot.comments@ost.dot.gov)

Phone: 202-366-1111

Fax: 202-366-7202

2. The Honorable Ann Veneman, Secretary of Agriculture

E-mail: [agsec@usda.gov](mailto:agsec@usda.gov)

Phone: 202-720-3631

Fax: 202-720-2166

3. The Honorable Joshua Bolton, Director, Office of Management and Budget

E-mail: [Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov](mailto:Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov)

Phone: 202-395-4840

Fax: 202-395-3888

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**Interaction 158-250****Contact**

**Contact Name:** Bettina R.  
**E-mail Address:** brosmar@hotmail.com  
**Contact ID:** 039-851

**Interaction History****E-mail received from Contact Bettina R. on January 16 2004, 11:48 PM**

**From:** Bettina R.  
**To:** Comments, DOT; agsec@usda.gov; Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov  
**Date:** Friday, January 16, 2004 11:57 PM  
**Subject:** Implement Airline Animal Loss Reporting

Please strengthen and enforce airlines to make accurate reporting of animal losses in their cargo hold. This is the only ability that the consumer has to determine whether or not their animal is safe to fly certain airlines. It also encourages airlines to establish more safety precautions because it comes down to a consumer's buying power. Thank you.

--Bettina

E-mail:brosmar@hotmail.com

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**Interaction 158-424****Contact**

**Contact Name:** mdubman  
**E-mail Address:** mdubman@sbcglobal.net  
**Contact ID:** 119-951

**Interaction History**

**E-mail received from Contact mdubman on January 17 2004, 02:00 PM**

**From:** mdubman  
**To:** Comments, DOT; agsec@usda.gov; Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov  
**Date:** Saturday, January 17, 2004 02:03 PM  
**Subject:** U.S. Rule For Animals On Planes Still In Limbo

The Honorable Norman Mineta, Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 7th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20590  
ph: 202-366-1111; fax: 202-366-7202; email: dot.comments@ost.dot.gov

The Honorable Ann Veneman, Secretary of Agriculture  
U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, DC 20250  
ph: 202-720-3631; fax: 202-720-2166, 202-720-6314; email: agsec@usda.gov

The Honorable Joshua Bolton, Director  
Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20503  
ph: 202-395-4840; fax: 202-395-3888; email: Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov

Dear Mr. Mineta, Ms. Veneman and Mr. Bolton:

Four years have passed since Congress enacted a bill to implement protective measures for traveling companion animals. The law requires airlines to publicly disclose the loss, injury or death of animals aboard commercial flights.

The reporting requirement was supposed to take effect in August 2000. Yet due to delays and limited exchange between DOT, the Dept. of Agriculture, and the Office of Management and Budget, the law

sits on a shelf gathering dust.

It is time for airlines to report trauma to animals on a monthly basis, as stipulated in the rule. The public has a right to assess an airline's history. The USDA should check all reports for violations of the Animal Welfare Act.

Every year an estimated 5,000 animals wind up lost, wounded or dead due to extreme temperatures, poor ventilation, or rough treatment during transport in cargo holds. The Calk family's ordeal began when American Airlines told them their golden retriever Jed "was not ready yet" after a flight from Newark to Los Angeles. After twenty minutes Jed was returned unconscious and soaked in urine, feces and vomit. He later died from suffocation due to oxygen deficiency during the flight.

When the Anzalones inquired about their boxer Enzo on a flight from St. Louis to Ft. Lauderdale, they were told:

"Enzo is smiling and drinking water." In fact, Enzo had already died. An autopsy indicated heat stress as the cause of death.

There is no excuse for one more Jed or Enzo. At the very least, airlines should be held responsible for these tragedies.

Please finalize the rule now. I also encourage you to expand its definition of "animal" to encompass any species en route to research laboratories, zoos or other facilities. The airlines need a system of accountability that prompts them to treat living beings humanely--rather than reduce them to lost or damaged baggage.

Thank you,  
Melissa & Brook Dubman

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**From:** DotComments  
**To:** mdubman  
**Date:** Saturday, January 17, 2004 02:00 PM  
**Subject:** {BTSTL#158-424}U.S. Rule For Animals On Planes Still In Limbo

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## **Interaction 158-362**

### **Contact**

**Contact Name:** Brenda  
**E-mail Address:** dixie1400@comcast.net  
**Contact ID:** 119-902

### **Interaction History**

**E-mail received from Contact Brenda on January 17 2004, 09:45 AM**

**From:** Brenda  
**To:** Comments, DOT  
**Date:** Saturday, January 17, 2004 09:50 AM  
**Subject:** Animal Incidents on airlines

It's time to begin reporting on animal incidents as the law demands and the public expects. Please wrap up the process immediately so that airlines are more accountable for the treatment of animals in their care.

Thank you,

Brenda Johnson

**Assigned to (None) by System on January 17 2004, 09:45 AM**

**Auto acknowledgement sent on January 17 2004, 09:45 AM**

**From:** DotComments  
**To:** Brenda

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## Interaction 158-359

### Contact

**Contact Name:** Melissa Wu  
**E-mail Address:** melissa@animalmattersonline.org  
**Contact ID:** 119-899

### Interaction History

#### E-mail received from Contact Melissa Wu on January 17 2004, 09:33 AM

**From:** Melissa Wu  
**To:** Comments, DOT; agsec@usda.gov; Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov  
**Date:** Saturday, January 17, 2004 09:43 AM  
**Subject:** Animal Incidents on Airlines

Hello,

Nearly four years after the bill requiring airlines to report incidents of loss, injury or death to animals during commercial flights passed Congress, the final rule has not yet taken effect.

It's time to finish the rule and begin reporting on animal incidents as the law demands and the public expects. Please wrap up the process immediately so that airlines are more accountable for the treatment of animals in their care.

Sincerely,

Melissa Wu



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**Interaction 158-358****Contact**

**Contact Name:** aprilsacres@netzero.net  
**E-mail Address:** aprilsacres@netzero.net  
**Contact ID:** 119-898

**Interaction History**

**E-mail received from Contact [aprilsacres@netzero.net](mailto:aprilsacres@netzero.net) on January 17 2004, 09:33 AM**

**From:** aprilsacres@netzero.net  
**To:** Comments, DOT  
**Date:** Saturday, January 17, 2004 09:42 AM  
**Subject:** Airline Accountability

In 2000, congress passed an initiative to mandate that all airlines report animal injury to the DOT separately from other baggage claims. It is to my knowledge that this is not being done. My concern is in regards to the lack of enforcement of a good and necessary law. Please see that all airlines are penalized for not reporting, and not accepting responsibility for lack of animal care.

Sincerely,  
April D. Beresford  
8793 Alden Nash Ave. SE  
Alto, Michigan 49302-9662

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**From:** DotComments  
**To:** aprilsacres@netzero.net  
**Date:** Saturday, January 17, 2004 09:33 AM  
**Subject:** {BTSTL#158-358}Airline Accountability

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**Interaction 158-347****Contact**

**Contact Name:** randcadams@vol.com  
**E-mail Address:** randcadams@vol.com  
**Contact ID:** 119-888

**Interaction History**

**E-mail received from Contact [randcadams@vol.com](mailto:randcadams@vol.com) on January 17 2004, 08:48 AM**

**From:** randcadams@vol.com  
**To:** Comments, DOT; Comments, DOT; Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov  
**Date:** Saturday, January 17, 2004 08:57 AM  
**Subject:** ANIMAL INCIDENTS ON AIRLINES STILL NOT BEING REPORTED

To: The Honorable Norman Mineta, Secretary of Transportation, The Honorable Ann Veneman, Secretary of Agriculture, The Honorable Joshua Bolton, Director, Office of Management and Budget

Congress passed a law in April 2000 requiring airlines to report incidents of loss, injury or death to animals during commercial flights -- rather than just as lost baggage -- and requiring the Dept. of Transportation (DOT) to make these reports public on a monthly basis. After publishing a draft and receiving thousands of letters from the public, DOT issued its "final" rule in August to implement this reporting requirement. Although DOT unfortunately decided on a narrow definition of "animal" (only covering companion animals), these reports will allow people to better gauge an airline's track record before deciding whether to fly their companion animals in cargo holds and, we hope, make airlines more careful.

Nearly four years after the bill passed Congress, the final rule has not yet taken effect, thanks to agency foot-dragging and a lack of communication between DOT, the Department of Agriculture (USDA), and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to resolve minor details. It's time to finish the rule and begin reporting on animal incidents as the law demands and the public expects. Please wrap up the process immediately so that airlines are more accountable for the treatment of animals in their care.

Constance Adams  
390 Adams Lane  
Richmond, KY 40475

**Assigned to (None) by System on January 17 2004, 08:48 AM**

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**From:** DotComments  
**To:** randcadams@vol.com  
**Date:** Saturday, January 17, 2004 08:48 AM  
**Subject:** {BTSTL#158-347}ANIMAL INCIDENTS ON AIRLINES STILL NOT BEING REPORTED

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Sincerely,

Reference Service Staff  
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Bureau of Transportation Statistics  
U.S. Department of Transportation

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From: randcadams@vol.com [randcadams@vol.com]  
Sent: Saturday, Jan 17 2004 8:57AM  
To: Comments, DOT [DOT.Comments@ost.dot.gov]; Comments, DOT [DOT.Comments@ost.dot.gov]; Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov [Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov]  
Subject: ANIMAL INCIDENTS ON AIRLINES STILL NOT BEING REPORTED

To: The Honorable Norman Mineta, Secretary of Transportation, The Honorable Ann Veneman, Secretary of Agriculture, The Honorable Joshua Bolton, Director, Office of Management and Budget

Congress passed a law in April 2000 requiring airlines to report incidents of loss, injury or death to animals during commercial flights -- rather than

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## Interaction 158-281

### Contact

**Contact Name:** Alyne Fortgang  
**E-mail Address:** alyne16@yahoo.com  
**Contact ID:** 119-849

### Interaction History

**E-mail received from Contact Alyne Fortgang on January 17 2004, 01:15 AM**

**From:** Alyne Fortgang  
**To:** Comments, DOT  
**Date:** Saturday, January 17, 2004 01:22 AM  
**Subject:** Make airlines accountable for animals incidents

It's been 4 LONG years since Congress passed a law in April 2000 requiring airlines to report incidents of loss, injury or death to animals during commercial flights -- rather than just as lost baggage.

Please use your power to get this DONE. Alyne Fortgang

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**From:** DotComments  
**To:** Alyne Fortgang  
**Date:** Saturday, January 17, 2004 01:15 AM  
**Subject:** {BTSTL#158-281}Make airlines accountable for animals incidents

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## Interaction 158-280

### Contact

**Contact Name:** Terri Rimmer  
**E-mail Address:** wordtrix@hotmail.com  
**Contact ID:** 119-848

### Interaction History

**E-mail received from Contact Terri Rimmer on January 17 2004, 01:15 AM**

**From:** Terri Rimmer  
**To:** Comments, DOT; agsec@usda.gov; Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov  
**Date:** Saturday, January 17, 2004 01:21 AM  
**Subject:** Animal incidents on airlines

January 17, 2004

Dear The Honorable Norman Mineta, Secretary of Transportation, The Honorable Ann Veneman, Secretary of Agriculture, and The Honorable Joshua Bolton, Director, Office of Management and Budget:

Please wrap the process of finishing the implementation of the rule immediately regarding airlines being required to report incidents of injury or death to animals during commercial flights so that airlines are more accountable for the treatment of animals in their care.

Sincerely,

Terri Rimmer  
3204 Wayside Rear Apt.  
Fort Worth, TX 76110  
817-923-3293  
817-923-3293

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## Interaction 158-268

### Contact

**Contact Name:** automated-response@earthlink.net  
**E-mail Address:** automated-response@earthlink.net  
**Contact ID:** 072-168

### Interaction History

#### **E-mail received from Contact j-l-b on January 17 2004, 12:30 AM**

**From:** j-l-b  
**To:** Comments, DOT; Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov; agsec@usda.gov  
**Date:** Saturday, January 17, 2004 12:25 AM  
**Subject:** ANIMAL INCIDENTS ON AIRLINES

To all that it concerns,

Congress passed a law in April 2000 requiring airlines to report incidents of loss, injury or death to animals during commercial flights -- rather than just as lost baggage -- and requiring the DOT to make these reports public on a monthly basis.

Nearly four years after the bill passed Congress, the final rule has not yet taken effect, thanks to your agency's foot-dragging and a lack of communication to resolve minor details.

I am writing today to urge you to wrap up the process immediately so that airlines are more accountable for the treatment of animals in their care.

Sincerely,  
Lisa Bisson

**Assigned to (None) by System on January 17 2004, 12:30 AM**

**Auto acknowledgement sent on January 17 2004, 12:30 AM**

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## Interaction 158-270

### Contact

**Contact Name:** Jeanette French  
**E-mail Address:** yonder01@earthlink.net  
**Contact ID:** 119-842

### Interaction History

#### E-mail received from Contact Jeanette French on January 17 2004, 12:33 AM

**From:** Jeanette French  
**To:** Comments, DOT; agsec@usda.gov; Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov  
**Date:** Saturday, January 17, 2004 12:39 AM  
**Subject:** reporting animal loss/injury

Hello,

Please wrap up the process of reporting incidents of loss, injury or death to animals during commercial flights . There needs to be this reporting so the public know each airlines records, and make airlines more careful with the life of animals aboard their planes.

Thanks so much for your time,  
Jeanette

#### Assigned to (None) by System on January 17 2004, 12:33 AM

#### Auto acknowledgement sent on January 17 2004, 12:33 AM

**From:** DotComments  
**To:** Jeanette French  
**Date:** Saturday, January 17, 2004 12:33 AM  
**Subject:** {BTSTL#158-270}reporting animal loss/injury

Dear DOT Customer:

## **Interaction 158-262**

### **Contact**

<b>Contact Name:</b>	Jim Gosack
<b>E-mail Address:</b>	ajgosack@rconnect.com
<b>Contact ID:</b>	119-834

### **Interaction History**

**E-mail received from Contact Jim Gosack on January 16 2004, 11:58 PM**

<b>From:</b>	Jim Gosack
<b>To:</b>	Comments, DOT; agsec@usda.gov; Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov
<b>Date:</b>	Saturday, January 17, 2004 12:07 AM
<b>Subject:</b>	Airline Reporting of Animal Incidents

Dear Mr. Mineta, Ms. Veneman, and Mr. Bolton

I am sending this note to ask that you finish the remaining work between the DOT, USDA, and OMB on the rule requiring airlines to report incidents of loss, injury, or death of animals during commercial flights. It is time to begin reporting as the law demands and the public expects. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Ann Gosack  
1005 Greenleaf Court  
Northfield, MN 55057

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## Interaction 158-475

### Contact

**Contact Name:** Tammy  
**E-mail Address:** hippeezz@yahoo.com  
**Contact ID:** 119-992

### Interaction History

**E-mail received from Contact Tammy on January 17 2004, 06:33 PM**

**From:** Tammy  
**To:** animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov; agsec@usda.gov; Comments, DOT  
**Date:** Saturday, January 17, 2004 06:43 PM  
**Subject:** responsibility of deaths of traveling companions

The Honorable Norman Mineta, Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 7th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20590  
ph: 202-366-1111; fax: 202-366-7202; email: dot.comments@ost.dot.gov

The Honorable Ann Veneman, Secretary of Agriculture  
U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, DC 20250  
ph: 202-720-3631; fax: 202-720-2166, 202-720-6314; email: agsec@usda.gov

The Honorable Joshua Bolton, Director  
Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20503  
ph: 202-395-4840; fax: 202-395-3888; email: Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov

Dear Mr. Mineta, Ms. Veneman and Mr. Bolton:

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Every year an estimated 5,000 animals wind up lost, wounded or dead due to extreme temperatures, poor ventilation, or rough treatment during transport in cargo holds. The Calk family's ordeal began when American Airlines told them their golden retriever Jed "was not ready yet" after a flight from Newark to Los Angeles. After twenty minutes Jed was returned unconscious and soaked in urine, feces and vomit. He later died from suffocation due to oxygen deficiency during the flight.

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"Enzo is smiling and drinking water." In fact, Enzo had already died. An autopsy indicated heat stress as the cause of death.

There is no excuse for one more Jed or Enzo. At the very least, airlines should be held responsible for these tragedies.

Please finalize the rule now. I also encourage you to expand its definition of "animal" to encompass any species en route to research laboratories, zoos or other facilities. The airlines need a system of accountability that prompts them to treat living beings humanely--rather than reduce them to lost or damaged baggage.

These are not "just" animals. They are loved ones as surely as our children and spouses. Someone needs held accountable!

Thank you,

Tammy and Michael Brammer  
10660 Nioga Toops Road  
Mt Sterling, OH 43143

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**From:** DotComments  
**To:** Tammy  
**Date:** Saturday, January 17, 2004 06:33 PM

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**Interaction 158-473****Contact**

**Contact Name:** KAT  
**E-mail Address:** squeezea\_katlady@yahoo.com  
**Contact ID:** 119-991

**Interaction History**

**E-mail received from Contact KAT on January 17 2004, 06:30 PM**

**From:** KAT  
**To:** Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov; agsec@usda.gov; Comments, DOT  
**Date:** Saturday, January 17, 2004 06:37 PM  
**Subject:** Please finalize protective measures for traveling companion animals.

Dear Mr. Mineta, Ms. Veneman and Mr. Bolton:

Four years have passed since Congress enacted a bill to implement protective measures for traveling companion animals. The law requires airlines to publicly disclose the loss, injury or death of animals aboard commercial flights.

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Jed was returned unconscious and soaked in urine, feces and vomit. He later died from suffocation due to oxygen deficiency during the flight.

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"Enzo is smiling and drinking water." In fact, Enzo had already died. An autopsy indicated heat stress as the cause of death.

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Thank you,  
 Lisa M. Milhollan  
 15903 Lakewood Blvd., #103  
 Bellflower, CA 90706-4300  
 email: [squeezea\\_katlady@yahoo.com](mailto:squeezea_katlady@yahoo.com)



Have a purrrfect day! Kat =^.,.^=

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To know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived.

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- Ralph Waldo Emerson

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## Interaction 158-464

### Contact

**Contact Name:** LynnEquus@aol.com  
**E-mail Address:** LynnEquus@aol.com  
**Contact ID:** 119-983

### Interaction History

E-mail received from Contact LynnEquus@aol.com on January 17 2004, 05:30 PM

**From:** LynnEquus@aol.com  
**To:** Comments, DOT; agsec@usda.gov; Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov  
**Date:** Saturday, January 17, 2004 05:30 PM  
**Subject:** Air Transportation Safety for Animals

The Honorable Norman Mineta, Secretary of Transportation  
U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 7th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20590

The Honorable Ann Veneman, Secretary of Agriculture  
U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, DC 20250

The Honorable Joshua Bolton, Director  
Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20503

Dear Mr. Mineta, Ms. Veneman and Mr. Bolton:

Four years have passed since Congress enacted a bill to implement protective measures for traveling companion animals. The law requires airlines to publicly disclose the loss, injury or death of animals aboard commercial flights.

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twenty minutes Jed was returned unconscious and soaked in urine, feces and vomit. He later died from suffocation due to oxygen deficiency during the flight.

When the Anzalones inquired about their boxer Enzo on a flight from St. Louis to Ft. Lauderdale, they were told: "Enzo is smiling and drinking water." In fact, Enzo had already died. An autopsy indicated heat stress as the cause of death.

There is no excuse for one more Jed or Enzo. At the very least, airlines should be held responsible for these tragedies. One other thing you need to realize is that to most pet owners, their pets are family members. If one of my pets had died on an airline in the manner described above while I was deprived the basic information on airline safety for pets, I would have been ballistic. It is very bad judgement to inflict these situations on the American public.

Please finalize the rule now. I also encourage you to expand its definition of "animal" to encompass any species en route to research laboratories, zoos or other facilities. The airlines need a system of accountability that prompts them to treat living beings humanely--rather than reduce them to lost or damaged baggage.

Thank you,

***Lynn O'Toole***

"I am the Lord who dwells in every creature."

-Bhagavad Gita 4:5-6 *Excerpted from The Bhagavad Gita, translated*

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**To:** LynnEquus@aol.com  
**Date:** Saturday, January 17, 2004 05:30 PM  
**Subject:** {BTSTL#158-464}Air Transportation Safety for Animals

## Interaction 158-461

### Contact

**Contact Name:** Kelly Garbato  
**E-mail Address:** kelly@jxie.com  
**Contact ID:** 048-436

### Interaction History

#### E-mail received from Contact Kelly Garbato on January 17 2004, 05:13 PM

**From:** Kelly Garbato  
**To:** Comments, DOT; agsec@usda.gov; Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov  
**Date:** Saturday, January 17, 2004 05:21 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Animal Welfare Act

Dear Mr. Mineta, Ms. Veneman and Mr. Bolton:

Four years have passed since Congress enacted a bill to implement protective measures for traveling companion animals. The law requires airlines to publicly disclose the loss, injury or death of animals aboard commercial flights.

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When the Anzalones inquired about their boxer Enzo on a flight from St. Louis to Ft. Lauderdale, they were told: "Enzo is smiling and drinking water." In fact, Enzo had already died. An autopsy indicated heat stress as the cause of death.

There is no excuse for one more Jed or Enzo. At the very least, airlines should be held responsible for these tragedies.

Please finalize the rule now. I also encourage you to expand its definition of "animal" to encompass any species en route to research laboratories, zoos or other facilities. The airlines need a system of accountability that

prompts them to treat living beings humanely--rather than reduce them to lost or damaged baggage.

Thank you,

Kelly Garbato  
Kansas City, Kansas

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**To:** Kelly Garbato  
**Date:** Saturday, January 17, 2004 05:13 PM  
**Subject:** {BTSTL#158-461}Animal Welfare Act

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Bureau of Transportation Statistics  
U.S. Department of Transportation

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From: Kelly Garbato [kelly@jxie.com]  
Sent: Saturday, Jan 17 2004 5:21PM  
To: Comments, DOT [DOT.Comments@ost.dot.gov]; agsec@usda.gov [agsec@usda.gov];  
[Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov](mailto:Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov) [[Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov](mailto:Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov)]  
Subject: Re: Animal Welfare Act

Dear Mr. Mineta, Ms. Veneman and Mr. Bolton:

Four years have passed since Congress enacted a bill to implement protective measures for traveling companion animals. The law requires airlines to publicly disclose the loss, injury or death of animals



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## Interaction 158-459

### Contact

**Contact Name:** Kitrynak@aol.com  
**E-mail Address:** Kitrynak@aol.com  
**Contact ID:** 119-979

### Interaction History

E-mail received from Contact Kitrynak@aol.com on January 17 2004, 05:08 PM

**From:** Kitrynak@aol.com  
**To:** Comments, DOT; agsec@usda.gov  
**Date:** Saturday, January 17, 2004 05:14 PM  
**Subject:** Traveling Companion Animals

Dear Mr. Mineta, Ms. Veneman and Mr. Bolton:

Four years have passed since Congress enacted a bill to implement protective measures for traveling companion animals. The law requires airlines to publicly disclose the loss, injury or death of animals aboard commercial flights.

The reporting requirement was supposed to take effect in August 2000. Yet due to delays and limited exchange between DOT, the Dept. of Agriculture, and the Office of Management and Budget, the law sits on a shelf gathering dust.

It is time for airlines to report trauma to animals on a monthly basis, as stipulated in the rule. The public has a right to assess an airline's history. The USDA should check all reports for violations of the Animal Welfare Act.

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When the Anzalones inquired about their boxer Enzo on a flight from St. Louis to Ft. Lauderdale, they were told: "Enzo is smiling and drinking water." In fact, Enzo had already died. An autopsy indicated heat stress as the cause of death.

There is no excuse for one more Jed or Enzo. At the very least, airlines should be held responsible for these tragedies.

Please finalize the rule now. I also encourage you to expand its definition of "animal" to encompass any species en route to research laboratories, zoos or other facilities. The airlines need a system of accountability that

prompts them to treat living beings humanely--rather than reduce them to lost or damaged baggage.

Thank you,

Betty Jean Herner

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**Auto acknowledgement sent on January 17 2004, 05:08 PM**

**From:** DotComments  
**To:** Kitrynak@aol.com  
**Date:** Saturday, January 17, 2004 05:08 PM  
**Subject:** {BTSTL#158-459}Traveling Companion Animals

Dear DOT Customer:

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Reference Service Staff  
 National Transportation Library  
 Bureau of Transportation Statistics  
 U.S. Department of Transportation

-----Original Message-----

From: Kitrynak@aol.com [Kitrynak@aol.com]  
 Sent: Saturday, Jan 17 2004 5:14PM  
 To: Comments, DOT [DOT.Comments@ost.dot.gov]; agsec@usda.gov [agsec@usda.gov]  
 Subject: Traveling Companion Animals

Dear Mr. Mineta, Ms. Veneman and Mr. Bolton:

Four years have passed since Congress enacted a bill to implement protective measures for traveling companion animals. The law requires airlines to publicly disclose the loss, injury or death of animals aboard commercial flights.

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**Interaction 158-452****Contact**

**Contact Name:** generg@ hotmail.com  
**E-mail Address:** generg@hotmail.com  
**Contact ID:** 119-974

**Interaction History**

**E-mail received from Contact generg@ hotmail.com on January 17 2004, 04:45 PM**

**From:** generg@ hotmail.com  
**To:**  
**Date:** Saturday, January 17, 2004 04:50 PM  
**Subject:** help

Please wrap up the process so airlines are more accountable for the treatment of animals in their care.

Thanks,

D. Muraco

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**From:** DotComments  
**To:** generg@ hotmail.com  
**Date:** Saturday, January 17, 2004 04:45 PM

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**Interaction 158-448****Contact**

**Contact Name:** Jelena Boromisa  
**E-mail Address:** jelenaboromisa@hi.hinet.hr  
**Contact ID:** 119-971

**Interaction History****E-mail received from Contact Jelena Boromisa on January 17 2004, 04:03 PM**

**From:** Jelena Boromisa  
**To:** Comments, DOT; agsec@usda.gov; Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov  
**Date:** Saturday, January 17, 2004 04:08 PM  
**Subject:** Animals on planes

Dear Mr. Mineta, Ms. Veneman and Mr. Bolton:

Four years have passed since Congress enacted a bill to implement protective measures for traveling companion animals. The law requires airlines to publicly disclose the loss, injury or death of animals aboard commercial flights.

The reporting requirement was supposed to take effect in August 2000. Yet due to delays and limited exchange between DOT, the Dept. of Agriculture, and the Office of Management and Budget, the law sits on a shelf gathering dust.

It is time for airlines to report trauma to animals on a monthly basis, as stipulated in the rule. The public has a right to assess an airline's history. The USDA should check all reports for violations of the Animal Welfare Act.

Every year an estimated 5,000 animals wind up lost, wounded or dead due to extreme temperatures, poor ventilation, or rough treatment during transport in cargo holds. The Calk family's ordeal began when American Airlines told them their golden retriever Jed "was not ready yet" after a flight from Newark to Los Angeles. After twenty minutes Jed was returned unconscious and soaked in urine, feces and vomit. He later died from suffocation due to oxygen deficiency during the flight.

When the Anzalones inquired about their boxer Enzo on a flight from St. Louis to Ft. Lauderdale, they were told:

"Enzo is smiling and drinking water." In fact, Enzo had already died. An autopsy indicated heat stress

as the cause of death.

There is no excuse for one more Jed or Enzo. At the very least, airlines should be held responsible for these tragedies.

Please finalize the rule now. I also encourage you to expand its definition of "animal" to encompass any species en route to research laboratories, zoos or other facilities. The airlines need a system of accountability that prompts them to treat living beings humanely--rather than reduce them to lost or damaged baggage.

Thank you,  
Jelena Boromisa  
[jelenaboromisa@hi.hinet.hr](mailto:jelenaboromisa@hi.hinet.hr)

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**From:** DotComments  
**To:** Jelena Boromisa  
**Date:** Saturday, January 17, 2004 04:03 PM  
**Subject:** {BTSTL#158-448}Animals on planes

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National Transportation Library  
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U.S. Department of Transportation

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From: Jelena Boromisa [[jelenaboromisa@hi.hinet.hr](mailto:jelenaboromisa@hi.hinet.hr)]  
Sent: Saturday, Jan 17 2004 4:08PM  
To: Comments, DOT [[DOT.Comments@ost.dot.gov](mailto:DOT.Comments@ost.dot.gov)]; [agsec@usda.gov](mailto:agsec@usda.gov) [[agsec@usda.gov](mailto:agsec@usda.gov)];

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**Interaction 158-447****Contact**

**Contact Name:** Joy Barnett  
**E-mail Address:** joye@barnettsolutionsgroup.com  
**Contact ID:** 119-970

**Interaction History****E-mail received from Contact Joy Barnett on January 17 2004, 03:53 PM**

**From:** Joy Barnett  
**To:** Comments, DOT  
**Date:** Saturday, January 17, 2004 04:03 PM  
**Subject:** Airline travel for animals

Honorable Norman Mineta, Secretary of Transportation:

I recently moved across the country. I have two cats and one very large dog. As a result of my fear (that something would happen to my pets during airline travel) and the expense, I decided to fly with my cats in the cabin and my husband drove across the country with my dog. I think that it's fine for animals to fly on planes, but I do not approve of the manner in which they are usually required to do so. I also do not approve of the fact that airlines are still not held accountable for their part in the potential negative or fatal experience of the animals that fly. The rule that would require airlines to make official reports regarding these incidents is still not in effect. And, I think it should be.

Sincerely, Joy E. Barnett

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**From:** DotComments  
**To:** Joy Barnett  
**Date:** Saturday, January 17, 2004 03:53 PM

## Interaction 160-284

### Contact

**Contact Name:** Tara E  
**E-mail Address:** lirl2002@yahoo.com  
**Contact ID:** 121-273

### Interaction History

**Media:** E-mail. Received. From Contact: Tara E. Time: 1/23/2004 10:18:05 PM.

**From:** Tara E  
**To:** Comments, DOT; agsec@usda.gov; Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov  
**Date:** Friday, January 23, 2004 10:25 PM  
**Subject:** animals on commercial flights

Dear sir or madam:

Congress passed a law in April 2000 requiring airlines to report incidents of loss, injury or death to animals during commercial flights -- rather than just as lost baggage -- and requiring the Dept. of Transportation (DOT) to make these reports public on a monthly basis.

Nearly four years after the bill passed Congress, the final rule has not yet taken effect, thanks to agency foot-dragging and a lack of communication between DOT, the Department of Agriculture (USDA), and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to resolve minor details. It's time you finish the rule and begin reporting on animal incidents as the law demands and the public expects. I urge you to wrap up the process immediately so that airlines are more accountable for the treatment of animals in their care.

Thank you for your time.  
Tara Edlund  
Crystal, MN

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**Interaction 160-594****Contact**

**Contact Name:** carsondpm@aol.com  
**E-mail Address:** carsondpm@aol.com  
**Contact ID:** 121-443

**Interaction History**

**Media: E-mail. Received. From Contact: carsondpm@aol.com. Time: 1/25/2004 4:33:17 PM.**

**From:** carsondpm@aol.com  
**To:** Comments, DOT; agesec@usda.gov; Animal.transport.rule@imb.eop.gov  
**Date:** Sunday, January 25, 2004 04:40 PM  
**Subject:** Animal Incidents on Airlines

Dear Honorable Mineta, Honorable Veneman, Honorable Bolton.

I am writing to urge that there be completion of the process whereby airlines must report to the public about losses or injuries to animals during commercial flights. Only when this information is public will we have a way of knowing which airlines are safe responsible transporters of our pets.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Denise Carson

Purchase, NY

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**Auto acknowledgement sent. Time: 1/25/2004 4:33:17 PM.**

**From:** DotComments  
**To:** carsondpm@aol.com  
**Date:** Sunday, January 25, 2004 04:33 PM  
**Subject:** {BTSTL#160-594}Animal Incidents on Airlines



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## Interaction 158-445

### Contact

**Contact Name:** AnimalRightsActivist@webtv.net  
**E-mail Address:** AnimalRightsActivist@webtv.net  
**Contact ID:** 119-968

### Interaction History

**E-mail received from Contact AnimalRightsActivist@webtv.net on January 17 2004, 03:45 PM**

**From:** AnimalRightsActivist@webtv.net  
**To:** Comments, DOT; agsec@usa.gov; animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov  
**Date:** Saturday, January 17, 2004 03:46 PM  
**Subject:** animals

Dear Mr. Mineta, Ms. Veneman and Mr. Bolton:

Four years have passed since Congress enacted a bill to implement protective measures for traveling companion animals. The law requires airlines to publicly disclose the loss, injury or death of animals aboard commercial flights.

The reporting requirement was supposed to take effect in August 2000. Yet due to delays and limited exchange between DOT, the Dept. of Agriculture, and the Office of Management and Budget, the law sits on a shelf gathering dust.

It is time for airlines to report trauma to animals on a monthly basis, as stipulated in the rule. The public has a right to assess an airline's history. The USDA should check all reports for violations of the Animal Welfare Act.

Every year an estimated 5,000 animals wind up lost, wounded or dead due to extreme temperatures, poor ventilation, or rough treatment during transport in cargo holds. The Calk family's ordeal began when American Airlines told them their golden retriever Jed "was not ready yet" after a flight from Newark to Los Angeles. After twenty minutes Jed was returned unconscious and soaked in urine, feces and vomit. He later died from suffocation due to oxygen deficiency during the flight.

When the Anzalones inquired about their boxer Enzo on a flight from St. Louis to Ft. Lauderdale, they were told:

"Enzo is smiling and drinking water." In fact, Enzo had already died. An autopsy indicated heat stress as the cause of death.

There is no excuse for one more Jed or Enzo. At the very least, airlines should be held responsible for these tragedies.

Please finalize the rule now. I also encourage you to expand its definition of "animal" to encompass any species en route to research laboratories, zoos or other facilities. The airlines need a system of accountability that prompts them to treat living beings humanely--rather than reduce them to lost or damaged baggage.

Thank you,  
Star Cron

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**From:** DotComments  
**To:** AnimalRightsActivist@webtv.net  
**Date:** Saturday, January 17, 2004 03:45 PM  
**Subject:** {BTSTL#158-445}animals

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Sincerely,

Reference Service Staff  
National Transportation Library  
Bureau of Transportation Statistics  
U.S. Department of Transportation

-----Original Message-----

From: [AnimalRightsActivist@webtv.net](mailto:AnimalRightsActivist@webtv.net) [[AnimalRightsActivist@webtv.net](mailto:AnimalRightsActivist@webtv.net)]  
Sent: Saturday, Jan 17 2004 3:46PM  
To: Comments, DOT [[DOT.Comments@ost.dot.gov](mailto:DOT.Comments@ost.dot.gov)]; [agsec@usa.gov](mailto:agsec@usa.gov) [[agsec@usa.gov](mailto:agsec@usa.gov)];  
[animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov](mailto:animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov) [[animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov](mailto:animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov)]

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**Interaction 160-598****Contact**

**Contact Name:** Alessandro Zanaboni  
**E-mail Address:** alzanab@tin.it  
**Contact ID:** 121-446

**Interaction History**

**Media: E-mail. Received. From Contact: Alessandro Zanaboni. Time: 1/25/2004 4:48:15 PM.**

**From:** Alessandro Zanaboni  
**To:** Comments, DOT; agsec@usda.gov; Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov  
**Date:** Sunday, January 25, 2004 04:57 PM  
**Subject:** Animal incidents on airlines

Congress passed a law in April 2000 requiring airlines to report incidents of loss, injury or death to animals during commercial flights -- rather than just as lost baggage -- and requiring the Dept. of Transportation (DOT) to make these reports public on a monthly basis. After publishing a draft and receiving thousands of letters from the public, DOT issued its "final" rule in August to implement this reporting requirement. Although DOT unfortunately decided on a narrow definition of "animal" (only covering companion animals), these reports will allow people to better gauge an airline's track record before deciding whether to fly their companion animals in cargo holds and, we hope, make airlines more careful.

Nearly four years after the bill passed Congress, the final rule has not yet taken effect, thanks to agency foot-dragging and a lack of communication between DOT, the Department of Agriculture (USDA), and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to resolve minor details. It's time they finish the rule and begin reporting on animal incidents as the law demands and the public expects. I am writing to urge you to wrap up the process immediately so that airlines are more accountable for the treatment of animals in their care.

Sincerely,  
Alessandro Zanaboni  
Via Treccani degli Alfieri, 10  
20141 Milan  
Italy

**Assigned to: (None). By: System. Time: 1/25/2004 4:48:15 PM.**

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## Interaction 158-441

### Contact

**Contact Name:** MrSimmons  
**E-mail Address:** republican21@YAHOO.COM  
**Contact ID:** 030-235

### Interaction History

#### E-mail received from Contact MrSimmons on January 17 2004, 03:18 PM

**From:** MrSimmons  
**To:** Comments, DOT  
**Date:** Saturday, January 17, 2004 03:25 PM  
**Subject:** ATTN. Mr. Norman Mineta, U.S. Secretary of Transportation

17 January 2004

Re: Airlines and Animals

Dear Mr. Mineta:

Four years have passed since Congress enacted a bill to implement protective measures for traveling companion animals. The law requires airlines to publicly disclose the loss, injury or death of animals aboard commercial flights.

The reporting requirement was supposed to take effect in August 2000. However, due to delays and limited exchange between the U.S. Department of Transportation, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the Office of Management and Budget, the law has not been put into full effect.

I firmly believe that the commercial airlines report trauma to animals on a monthly basis, as stipulated in the rule. The public has a right to assess an airline's history. The USDA should check all reports for violations of the Animal Welfare Act.

Every year an estimated 5,000 animals wind up lost, wounded or dead due to extreme temperatures, poor ventilation, or rough treatment during transport in cargo holds. A real-life example of this horrendous and unfortunate event happened to the Calk family. The Calk family's ordeal began when American Airlines told them their Golden Retriever, Jed, "was not ready yet" after a flight from Newark to Los Angeles. After 20-minutes, Jed was returned unconscious and soaked in urine, feces and vomit. Sadly, Jed later died from suffocation due to oxygen deficiency during the flight.

Another horrendous and unfortunate event happened to another family, the Anzalones. When the Anzalones inquired about their Boxer, Enzo, on a flight from St. Louis to Ft. Lauderdale, they were told: "Enzo is smiling and drinking water." Unfortunately, the truth was much more dire and grim. Enzo, the Anzalones' Boxer, had already died. An autopsy indicated heat stress as the cause of death.

There is no excuse for any animal to die because of lax employees not doing their jobs nor following required guidelines as set out by law. At the very least, airlines should be held legally responsible for these tragedies.

Please finalize the rule now and expand the definition of "animal" to encompass any species en route to research laboratories, zoos, or other facilities. The airlines need a system of accountability that prompts them to treat living beings humanely--rather than reduce them to lost or damaged baggage.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason A. Simmons

Contact Information:

Mr. Jason A. Simmons

6202 Coppedge Drive

Corpus Christi, Texas

78414

E-mail Address: [Republican21@yahoo.com](mailto:Republican21@yahoo.com)

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**From:** DotComments  
**To:** MrSimmons  
**Date:** Saturday, January 17, 2004 03:18 PM  
**Subject:** {BTSTL#158-441}ATTN. Mr. Norman Mineta, U.S. Secretary of Transportation

Dear DOT Customer:

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**Interaction 158-438****Contact**

**Contact Name:** Patricia  
**E-mail Address:** crnababe@yahoo.com  
**Contact ID:** 119-963

**Interaction History**

**E-mail received from Contact Patricia on January 17 2004, 03:08 PM**

**From:** Patricia  
**To:** Comments, DOT; agsec@usda.gov; animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov  
**Date:** Saturday, January 17, 2004 03:14 PM  
**Subject:** Animals Incidents on Airlines Still NOT Reported

**ANIMAL INCIDENTS ON AIRLINES STILL NOT BEING REPORTED:**

Congress passed a law in April 2000 requiring airlines to report incidents of loss, injury or death to animals during commercial flights -- rather than just as lost baggage -- and requiring the Dept. of Transportation (DOT) to make these reports public on a monthly basis. After publishing a draft and receiving thousands of letters from the public, DOT issued its "final" rule in August to implement this reporting requirement. Although DOT unfortunately decided on a narrow definition of "animal" (only covering companion animals), these reports will allow people to better gauge an airline's track record before deciding whether to fly their companion animals in cargo holds and, we hope, make airlines more careful. (For more information on this rule, see : [www.hsus.org/ace/19581](http://www.hsus.org/ace/19581) .)

Nearly four years after the bill passed Congress, the final rule has not yet taken effect, thanks to agency foot-dragging and a lack of communication between DOT, the Department of Agriculture (USDA), and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to resolve minor details. It's time to finish the rule and begin reporting on animal incidents as the law demands and the public expects. I urge you to please wrap up the process immediately so that airlines are more accountable for the treatment of animals in their care.

Thank you for your time.

Patricia

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**Interaction 158-434****Contact**

**Contact Name:** A Wright  
**E-mail Address:** monalisa123500@yahoo.com  
**Contact ID:** 119-960

**Interaction History****E-mail received from Contact A Wright on January 17 2004, 03:00 PM**

**From:** A Wright  
**To:** Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov  
**Date:** Saturday, January 17, 2004 03:06 PM  
**Subject:** Traveling companion animals

Dear Mr. Mineta, Ms. Veneman and Mr. Bolton:

Four years have passed since Congress enacted a bill to implement protective measures for traveling companion animals. The law requires airlines to publicly disclose the loss, injury or death of animals aboard commercial flights.

The reporting requirement was supposed to take effect in August 2000. Yet due to delays and limited exchange between DOT, the Dept. of Agriculture, and the Office of Management and Budget, the law sits on a shelf gathering dust.

It is time for airlines to report trauma to animals on a monthly basis, as stipulated in the rule. The public has a right to assess an airline's history. The USDA should check all reports for violations of the Animal Welfare Act.

Every year an estimated 5,000 animals wind up lost, wounded or dead due to extreme temperatures, poor ventilation, or rough treatment during transport in cargo holds. The Calk family's ordeal began when American Airlines told them their golden retriever Jed "was not ready yet" after a flight from Newark to Los Angeles. After twenty minutes Jed was returned unconscious and soaked in urine, feces and vomit. He later died from suffocation due to oxygen deficiency during the flight.

When the Anzalones inquired about their boxer Enzo on a flight from St. Louis to Ft. Lauderdale, they were told:

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## Interaction 158-428

### Contact

**Contact Name:** terry dorsey  
**E-mail Address:** soulfuel@earthlink.net  
**Contact ID:** 119-955

### Interaction History

#### E-mail received from Contact terry dorsey on January 17 2004, 02:33 PM

**From:** terry dorsey  
**To:** Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov; agsec@usda.gov; Comments, DOT  
**Date:** Saturday, January 17, 2004 02:41 PM  
**Subject:** The Law- requiring airlines to disclose animal conditions on commercial flights

Dear Mr. Mineta, Ms. Veneman and Mr. Bolton:

The rule of law and the purpose of a government "by the people and for the people" is to protect those people and enforce the law.

Four years since Congress enacted legislation to protect traveling companion animals, the law languishes in government bureaucracy. As you know, this law requires airlines to publicly disclose the loss, injury or death of animals aboard commercial flights. Further it is the duty of the USDA to check all reports for violations of the Animal Welfare Act.

Ladies and gentleman, it is time to act legally, responsibly and morally on behalf of the law, American citizens and their companion animals. 5,000 animals wind up lost, injured or dead each year due to the irresponsible (now illegal) handling by the airlines you are mandated to regulate and airline who are now supported by American taxpayers through loans and grants.

These airlines need a system of accountability that prompts them to treat living beings humanely, compassionately and morally. Additionally it is time to expand the definition of "animal" to encompass any species en route to research laboratories, zoos or other



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**Interaction 160-430****Contact**

**Contact Name:** The Marshall Family  
**E-mail Address:** mtalk@sbcglobal.net  
**Contact ID:** 062-367

**Interaction History**

**Media: E-mail. Received. From Contact: The Marshall Family. Time: 1/24/2004 1:43:10 PM.**

**From:** The Marshall Family  
**To:** Comments, DOT; agsec@usda.gov; animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov  
**Date:** Saturday, January 24, 2004 01:48 PM  
**Subject:** VERY IMPORTANT-Animal Accidents on Airlines

January 24, 2004 Saturday  
TIME CRUCIAL - VERY IMPORTANT

I am writing about animal accidents on airlines and the lack of animal accidents still not being reported. Recently, I heard that a law was passed by Congress in April of 2000 requiring airlines to report incidents of loss, injury or death to animals during commercial flights - rather than just as lost baggage - and requiring the Department of Transportation (DOT) to make these reports PUBLIC on a monthly basis, still has NOT yet taken effect. This is disturbing.

This Rule needs to be finished and reports on animal incidents as the law demands and the public expects needs to be made - soon. I sometimes travel by airplane, but I will not take my pets (2 dogs) on an airline. Thank you for taking the time to read this letter on this very important issue. Your help is greatly needed - now. I hope that you receive this letter. All animals are God's creatures. All animals have both physical and emotional feelings. All animals can feel pain, stress and fear. Please help to save and protect God's creatures and their environment. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
a supporter of THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES,  
Lisa Marshall (age 34)  
15023 Rain Shadow Court  
HOUSTON, Texas 77070  
my email: [mtalk@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mtalk@sbcglobal.net)  
my home # 281-376-0155

**Assigned to: (None). By: System. Time: 1/24/2004 1:43:10 PM.**

**Interaction 158-427****Contact**

**Contact Name:** Catsmeow61269@aol.com  
**E-mail Address:** Catsmeow61269@aol.com  
**Contact ID:** 119-954

**Interaction History****E-mail received from Contact Catsmeow61269@aol.com on January 17 2004, 02:30 PM**

**From:** Catsmeow61269@aol.com  
**To:** Comments, DOT; agsec@usda.gov; Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov  
**Date:** Saturday, January 17, 2004 02:35 PM  
**Subject:** Animal transportation via airlines

I am contacting each of you regarding the law that passed in April 2000 making it mandatory that airlines report loss, injury or death of animals during commercial flights, rather than just as lost baggage, and requiring that these reports be made public on a monthly basis. I am aware that nearly four years after Congress passed this bill the final rule has not take place. I urge each of you to resolve any minor details and stop the feet dragging on this issue. The law demands this action and the public expects it. Please wrap up the process immediately so that airlines are more accountable to the treatment of the passengers animals in their care. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,  
Tiffany Nicol  
Rio Rancho, NM

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**From:** DotComments  
**To:** Catsmeow61269@aol.com  
**Date:** Saturday, January 17, 2004 02:30 PM  
**Subject:** {BTSTL#158-427}Animal transportation via airlines

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**Interaction 160-617****Contact**

**Contact Name:** Murray Kaufman  
**E-mail Address:** murmeister@msn.com  
**Contact ID:** 036-731

**Interaction History**

**Media: E-mail. Received. From Contact: Murray Kaufman. Time: 1/25/2004 6:28:05 PM.**

**From:** Murray Kaufman  
**To:** Comments, DOT  
**Date:** Sunday, January 25, 2004 06:36 PM  
**Subject:** Please take action

It is unbelievable that the nation's airlines have not completely addressed the issue of animal safety.  
Please do whatever possible to make it, once and for all, safe for animals to travel and stop the abusive treatment that goes on with treating them no different than luggage.  
thanks. MK

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**From:** DotComments  
**To:** Murray Kaufman  
**Date:** Sunday, January 25, 2004 06:28 PM  
**Subject:** {BTSTL#160-617}Please take action

Dear DOT Customer:

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**Interaction 160-648****Contact**

**Contact Name:** David Godin  
**E-mail Address:** dgstarks@hotmail.com  
**Contact ID:** 121-476

**Interaction History**

**Media: E-mail. Received. From Contact: David Godin. Time: 1/25/2004 9:33:04 PM.**

**From:** David Godin  
**To:** Comments, DOT  
**Date:** Sunday, January 25, 2004 09:40 PM  
**Subject:** Airline bill...

Dear Honorable Norman Mineta, Secretary of Transportation,

Please push the bill passed in April of 2000 that will hold the airline companies more accountable for the treatment of animals in their care. This law is of utmost importance for those helpless animals who are at the whim of the airline company. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

David Godin  
29 Deer Drive  
Sound Beach, NY 11789

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**Interaction 160-650****Contact**

**Contact Name:** Sara V Pic  
**E-mail Address:** pic.s@neu.edu  
**Contact ID:** 121-478

**Interaction History**

**Media: E-mail. Received. From Contact: Sara V Pic. Time: 1/25/2004 10:33:17 PM.**

**From:** Sara V Pic  
**To:** Comments, DOT; agsec@usda.gov; Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov  
**Date:** Sunday, January 25, 2004 10:42 PM  
**Subject:** Animal Transport

Congress passed a law in April 2000 requiring airlines to report incidents of loss, injury or death to animals during commercial flights -- rather than just as lost baggage ? and requiring the Dept. of Transportation (DOT) to make these reports public on a monthly basis. Nearly four years after the bill passed Congress, the final rule has still not yet taken effect. Please-- wrap up the process immediately so that airlines are more accountable for the treatment of animals in their care.

Thank you.

Sara Pic  
158 South St #1L  
Jamaica Plain, MA 02130

**Assigned to: (None). By: System. Time: 1/25/2004 10:33:17 PM.**

**Auto acknowledgement sent. Time: 1/25/2004 10:33:17 PM.**

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**Interaction 158-425****Contact**

**Contact Name:** Evelin Beyer  
**E-mail Address:** ebeyer@shaw.ca  
**Contact ID:** 119-952

**Interaction History**

**E-mail received from Contact Evelin Beyer on January 17 2004, 02:03 PM**

**From:** Evelin Beyer  
**To:** Comments, DOT  
**Date:** Saturday, January 17, 2004 02:10 PM  
**Cc:** agsec@usda.gov, rule@omb.eop.g  
**Subject:** Fw: LETTER/U.S. Rule For Animals On Planes Still In Limbo

**SOURCE OF INFORMATION:**  
**HUMANElines---Issue 279---January 15, 2004**  
**humanelines@hsus.org**  
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U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 7th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20590  
ph: 202-366-1111; fax: 202-366-7202; email: dot.comments@ost.dot.gov

The Honorable Ann Veneman, Secretary of Agriculture  
 U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW  
 Washington, DC 20250  
 ph: 202-720-3631; fax: 202-720-2166, 202-720-6314; email: agsec@usda.gov

The Honorable Joshua Bolton, Director  
 Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW  
 Washington, DC 20503  
 ph: 202-395-4840; fax: 202-395-3888; email: Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov

Dear Mr. Mineta, Ms. Veneman and Mr. Bolton:

Four years have passed since Congress enacted a bill to implement protective measures for traveling companion animals. The law requires airlines to publicly disclose the loss, injury or death of animals aboard commercial flights.

The reporting requirement was supposed to take effect in August 2000. Yet due to delays and limited exchange between DOT, the Dept. of Agriculture, and the Office of Management and Budget, the law sits on a shelf gathering dust.

It is time for airlines to report trauma to animals on a monthly basis, as stipulated in the rule. The public has a right to assess an airline's history. The USDA should check all reports for violations of the Animal Welfare Act.

Every year an estimated 5,000 animals wind up lost, wounded or dead due to extreme temperatures, poor ventilation, or rough treatment during transport in cargo holds. The Calk family's ordeal began when American Airlines told them their golden retriever Jed "was not ready yet" after a flight from Newark to Los Angeles. After twenty minutes Jed was returned unconscious and soaked in urine, feces and vomit. He later died from suffocation due to oxygen deficiency during the flight.

When the Anzalones inquired about their boxer Enzo on a flight from St. Louis to Ft. Lauderdale, they were told:  
 "Enzo is smiling and drinking water." In fact, Enzo had already died. An autopsy indicated heat stress as the cause of death.

There is no excuse for one more Jed or Enzo. At the very least, airlines should be held responsible for these tragedies.

Please finalize the rule now. I also encourage you to expand its definition of "animal" to encompass any species en route to research laboratories, zoos or other facilities. The airlines need a system of accountability that prompts them to treat living beings humanely-- rather than reduce them to lost or damaged baggage.

Thank you,  
 Evelin Beyer  
 1265 Lake Sylvan Dr. SE  
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**Date:** Saturday, January 17, 2004 02:03 PM  
**Subject:** {BTSTL#158-425}LETTER/U.S. Rule For Animals On Planes Still In Limbo

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**Cc:** agsec@usda.gov,rule@omb.eop.g [agsec@usda.gov]  
**Subject:** Fw: LETTER/U.S. Rule For Animals On Planes Still In Limbo

**SOURCE OF INFORMATION:**  
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## Interaction 158-418

### Contact

**Contact Name:** Julia Sharp  
**E-mail Address:** juliatat@yahoo.com  
**Contact ID:** 119-948

### Interaction History

#### E-mail received from Contact Julia Sharp on January 17 2004, 01:15 PM

**From:** Julia Sharp  
**To:** Comments, DOT; agsec@usda.gov; Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov  
**Date:** Saturday, January 17, 2004 01:22 PM  
**Subject:** comment

Dear Mr. Mineta, Ms. Veneman and Mr. Bolton:

Four years have passed since Congress enacted a bill to implement protective measures for traveling companion animals. The law requires airlines to publicly disclose the loss, injury or death of animals aboard commercial flights.

The reporting requirement was supposed to take effect in August 2000. Yet due to delays and limited exchange between DOT, the Dept. of Agriculture, and the Office of Management and Budget, the law sits on a shelf gathering dust.

It is time for airlines to report trauma to animals on a monthly basis, as stipulated in the rule. The public has a right to assess an airline's history. The USDA should check all reports for violations of the Animal Welfare Act.

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as the cause of death.

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Thank you,  
Julia ! Sharp, Morehead, KY 40351-1650

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-Stop the slaughter of Argentine Dogs

<http://www.petitiononline.com/malc2347/petition.html>

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<http://www.thepetitionsite.com/takeaction/372846429>

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**Date:** Saturday, January 17, 2004 01:15 PM  
**Subject:** {BTSTL#158-418}comment

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## Interaction 158-249

### Contact

**Contact Name:** Linda Dugan  
**E-mail Address:** duganbkind2animals@hotmail.com  
**Contact ID:** 119-822

### Interaction History

**E-mail received from Contact Linda Dugan on January 16 2004, 11:48 PM**

**From:** Linda Dugan  
**To:** Comments, DOT  
**Date:** Friday, January 16, 2004 11:56 PM  
**Subject:** airlines

Secretary of Transportation Mineta:

I am writing to request that you complete the ruling on the requirement of airlines to report animal incidents of loss, injury or death . It is time that the airlines make these reports public as the 2000 law indicates. Thank you.

Linda

"Animals are more than ever a test of our character, of mankind's capacity for empathy and for decent, honorable conduct and for faithful stewardship. We are called to treat them with kindness not because they have rights or powers or some claim to equality, but in a sense because they don't ; because they all stand unequal and powerless before us."

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## Interaction 158-241

### Contact

**Contact Name:** RaeDomingues@aol.com  
**E-mail Address:** RaeDomingues@aol.com  
**Contact ID:** 119-814

### Interaction History

**E-mail received from Contact RaeDomingues@aol.com on January 16 2004, 11:45 PM**

**From:** RaeDomingues@aol.com  
**To:** Comments, DOT  
**Date:** Friday, January 16, 2004 11:47 PM  
**Subject:** Airline Reporting

The Honorable Norman Mineta  
Secretary of Transportation

It's time to finish up the DOT rule regarding reporting of domestic animal incidents/accidents.

It's time to begin reporting on animal incidents as the law demands and the public expects.

It's time that airlines are more accountable for the treatment of animals in their care.

*Rae Domingues*  
*Louisiana, USA*

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**Auto acknowledgement sent on January 16 2004, 11:45 PM**

**From:** DotComments  
**To:** RaeDomingues@aol.com

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**Interaction 158-238****Contact**

**Contact Name:** LegalSandy@aol.com  
**E-mail Address:** LegalSandy@aol.com  
**Contact ID:** 119-811

**Interaction History**

**E-mail received from Contact LegalSandy@aol.com on January 16 2004, 11:28 PM**

**From:** LegalSandy@aol.com  
**To:** Comments, DOT; agsec@usda.gov; Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov  
**Date:** Friday, January 16, 2004 11:37 PM  
**Subject:** animal transport rule

Please do everything necessary to put this rule into effect NOW  
before any more time elapses and any more potential or real tragedies occur.  
Sandra Walters  
480 Warrior Trail  
Enterprise, FL 32725

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**From:** DotComments  
**To:** LegalSandy@aol.com  
**Date:** Friday, January 16, 2004 11:28 PM  
**Subject:** {BTSTL#158-238}animal transport rule

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## Interaction 158-241

### Contact

**Contact Name:** RaeDomingues@aol.com  
**E-mail Address:** RaeDomingues@aol.com  
**Contact ID:** 119-814

### Interaction History

**E-mail received from Contact RaeDomingues@aol.com on January 16 2004, 11:45 PM**

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**To:** Comments, DOT  
**Date:** Friday, January 16, 2004 11:47 PM  
**Subject:** Airline Reporting

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Secretary of Transportation

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It's time to begin reporting on animal incidents as the law demands and the public expects.

It's time that airlines are more accountable for the treatment of animals in their care.

*Rae Domingues*  
*Louisiana, USA*

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**From:** DotComments  
**To:** RaeDomingues@aol.com

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## Interaction 158-228

### Contact

**Contact Name:** SLMateri@cs.com  
**E-mail Address:** SLMateri@cs.com  
**Contact ID:** 119-803

### Interaction History

#### **E-mail received from Contact SLMateri@cs.com on January 16 2004, 11:00 PM**

**From:** SLMateri@cs.com  
**To:** Comments, DOT; agsec@usda.gov; animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov  
**Date:** Friday, January 16, 2004 11:00 PM  
**Subject:** Lost animal law

I am writing about the law passed by Congress in April 2000 requiring airlines to report incidents of loss, injury, or death to animals. I understand this rule has still not been completed and enforced. I encourage you to complete and enforce this law as soon as possible.

Sandra Materi  
1600 W. Odell  
Casper WY 82604

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**From:** DotComments  
**To:** SLMateri@cs.com  
**Date:** Friday, January 16, 2004 11:00 PM  
**Subject:** {BTSTL#158-228}Lost animal law

Dear DOT Customer:

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## Interaction 158-228

### Contact

**Contact Name:** SLMateri@cs.com  
**E-mail Address:** SLMateri@cs.com  
**Contact ID:** 119-803

### Interaction History

**E-mail received from Contact [SLMateri@cs.com](mailto:SLMateri@cs.com) on January 16 2004, 11:00 PM**

**From:** SLMateri@cs.com  
**To:** Comments, DOT; agsec@usda.gov; animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov  
**Date:** Friday, January 16, 2004 11:00 PM  
**Subject:** Lost animal law

I am writing about the law passed by Congress in April 2000 requiring airlines to report incidents of loss, injury, or death to animals. I understand this rule has still not been completed and enforced. I encourage you to complete and enforce this law as soon as possible.

Sandra Materi  
1600 W. Odell  
Casper WY 82604

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**From:** DotComments  
**To:** SLMateri@cs.com  
**Date:** Friday, January 16, 2004 11:00 PM  
**Subject:** {BTSTL#158-228}Lost animal law

Dear DOT Customer:



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**Interaction 158-203****Contact**

**Contact Name:** JP  
**E-mail Address:** jninipi@charter.net  
**Contact ID:** 034-627

**Interaction History****E-mail received from Contact JP on January 16 2004, 08:00 PM**

**From:** JP  
**To:** Comments, DOT  
**Date:** Friday, January 16, 2004 08:05 PM  
**Subject:** ANIMAL INCIDENTS ON AIRLINES

The Honorable Norman Mineta, Secretary of Transportation

Mr. Mineta,

*Nearly four years* after Congress passed a law in April 2000 requiring airlines to report incidents of loss, injury or death to animals during commercial flights -- rather than just as lost baggage -- and requiring the Dept. of Transportation (DOT) to make these reports public on a monthly basis, the final rule has not yet taken effect, thanks to agency foot-dragging and a lack of communication between DOT, the Department of Agriculture (USDA), and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to resolve minor details. It's time they finish the rule and begin reporting on animal incidents as the law demands and the public expects. After publishing a draft and receiving thousands of letters from the public, DOT issued its "final" rule in August to implement this reporting requirement. Although DOT unfortunately decided on a narrow definition of "animal" (only covering companion animals), these reports will allow people to better gauge an airline's track record before deciding whether to fly their companion animals in cargo holds and, we hope, make airlines more careful.

**Please** urge the DOT, USDA, and the OMB to wrap up the process immediately so that airlines are more accountable for the treatment of animals in their care.

"The greatness of a nation and its moral progress, can be judged by the way its animals are treated." - M. Gandhi

Sincerely,

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## Interaction 158-173

### Contact

**Contact Name:** Jennifer.K.Henry.99@Alum.Dartmouth.ORG  
**E-mail Address:** Jennifer.K.Henry.99@Alum.Dartmouth.ORG  
**Contact ID:** 119-779

### Interaction History

**E-mail received from Contact Jennifer.K.Henry.99@Alum.Dartmouth.ORG on January 16 2004, 04:53 PM**

**From:** Jennifer.K.Henry.99@Alum.Dartmouth.ORG  
**To:** Comments, DOT; agsex@usda.gov; animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov  
**Date:** Friday, January 16, 2004 04:59 PM  
**Subject:** Animal Incidents on Airlines

Dear Concerned Parties,

I am writing express my deep distress at the delay of the April 2000 law requiring airlines to report animal incidents during commercial flights to come into effect. This is an issue that concerns many pet owners around the world, and should be a major concern for your offices. I urge you to make the finalization of this law a priority.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Henry

**Assigned to (None) by System on January 16 2004, 04:53 PM**

**Auto acknowledgement sent on January 16 2004, 04:53 PM**

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## Interaction 158-171

### Contact

**Contact Name:** fmayer  
**E-mail Address:** fmayer@megalink.net  
**Contact ID:** 053-991

### Interaction History

#### **E-mail received from Contact fmayer on January 16 2004, 04:48 PM**

**From:** fmayer  
**To:** Comments, DOT; agsec@usda.gov; Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov  
**Date:** Friday, January 16, 2004 04:55 PM  
**Subject:** Air transport of animals

To Whom It May Concern:

I believe it is nearly four years since the bill passed Congress which ruled that airlines are accountable for proper treatment of animals in their care but the final rule has not yet taken effect. I strongly urge you to wrap up the process immediately so that airlines are more accountable for the treatment of animals in their care.

Sincerely,

Frances Perlman

**Assigned to (None) by System on January 16 2004, 04:48 PM**

**Auto acknowledgement sent on January 16 2004, 04:48 PM**

**From:** DotComments  
**To:** fmayer  
**Date:** Friday, January 16, 2004 04:48 PM

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## Interaction 158-164

### Contact

**Contact Name:** Dustyn Fullerton  
**E-mail Address:** da\_beu@YAHOO.COM  
**Contact ID:** 071-787

### Interaction History

#### **E-mail received from Contact Dustyn Fullerton on January 16 2004, 04:33 PM**

**From:** Dustyn Fullerton  
**To:** Comments, DOT; agsec@usda.gov; Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov  
**Date:** Friday, January 16, 2004 04:40 PM  
**Subject:** Animal Transport Rule

It's **time** to finish the Animal Transport Rule and begin reporting on animal incidents as the **law demands and the public expects**. Please wrap up the process **immediately** so that airlines are more accountable for the treatment of animals in their care.  
Thank you for your time and consideration.

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**From:** DotComments  
**To:** Dustyn Fullerton  
**Date:** Friday, January 16, 2004 04:33 PM  
**Subject:** {BTSTL#158-164}Animal Transport Rule

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**Interaction 158-163****Contact**

<b>Contact Name:</b>	Jackie Pomies
<b>E-mail Address:</b>	jpomies@sfsu.edu
<b>Contact ID:</b>	034-320

**Interaction History****E-mail received from Contact Jackie Pomies on January 16 2004, 04:30 PM**

**From:** Jackie Pomies  
**To:** Comments, DOT; agsec@usda.gov; animal.transport.rule@eop.gov  
**Date:** Friday, January 16, 2004 04:32 PM  
**Subject:** Wrap Up Process on Reporting Animal Incidents on Airlines

Dear Ann Veneman, Norman Mineta, and Joshua Bolton:

As you know, Congress passed a law in April 2000 requiring airlines to report incidents of loss, injury, or death to animals during commercial flights and requiring the Department of Transportation to make these reports public on a monthly basis. It is unfortunate the DOT decided on a narrow definition of "animal" (only covering companion animals); but these reports will allow people to better judge an airline's track record before deciding whether to fly their pets in cargo holds.

However, almost four years after the bill passed Congress, the final rule has not yet taken effect because of bureaucratic inertia among the USDA, DOT, and OMB. Please finish the rule and begin reporting on animal incidents as the law demands and the public expects. Airlines must be made more accountable for the treatment of animals in their care. What if it were your pet?

Sincerely,  
Jackie Pomies  
San Francisco, CA

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## Interaction 158-161

### Contact

**Contact Name:** Virginia L Cassidy  
**E-mail Address:** virginia.cassidy@unisys.com  
**Contact ID:** 038-835

### Interaction History

**E-mail received from Contact Virginia L Cassidy on January 16 2004, 04:30 PM**

**From:** Virginia L Cassidy  
**To:** Comments, DOT  
**Date:** Friday, January 16, 2004 04:28 PM  
**Subject:** Animals on Airlines

Dear Honorable Mineta,

I understand that Congress passed a law in April 2000 requiring airlines to report incidents of loss, injury or death to animals during commercial flights -- rather than just as lost baggage - and requiring the Dept. of Transportation (DOT) to make these reports public on a monthly basis. Nearly four years have dragged by and the final rule has not yet taken effect.

Please wrap up the process immediately so that airlines are more accountable for the treatment of animals in their care.

Thank you for considering my request.

Virginia Cassidy

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**From:** DotComments  
**To:** Virginia L Cassidy  
**Date:** Friday, January 16, 2004 04:30 PM  
**Subject:** {BTSTL#158-161}Animals on Airlines

## Interaction 158-154

### Contact

**Contact Name:** legallyliz@yahoo.com  
**E-mail Address:** legallyliz@yahoo.com  
**Contact ID:** 119-771

### Interaction History

**E-mail received from Contact [legallyliz@yahoo.com](mailto:legallyliz@yahoo.com) on January 16 2004, 03:53 PM**

**From:** legallyliz@yahoo.com  
**To:** Comments, DOT  
**Date:** Friday, January 16, 2004 04:02 PM  
**Subject:** Animal Incidents on Airlines

January 16, 2004

Liz Purcell  
1100 17th St. #318  
Sacramento, CA 95814-4014  
[legallyliz@yahoo.com](mailto:legallyliz@yahoo.com)

Dear Mr. Mineta:

As you are aware, Congress passed a law in April 2000 requiring airlines to report incidents of loss, injury or death to animals during commercial flights --rather than just as lost baggage -- and requiring the Department of Transportation to make these reports public on a monthly basis. After publishing a draft and receiving thousands of letters from the public, DOT issued its "final" rule in August to implement this reporting requirement. These reports will allow people to better gauge an airline's track record before deciding whether to fly their companion animals in cargo holds and hopefully make airlines more careful.

Nearly four years after the bill passed Congress, the final rule has not yet taken effect. It's time that the Department of Transportation, along with the Department of Agriculture and the Office of Management and Budget, finish the rule and begin reporting on animal incidents as the law demands and the public expects.

Sincerely,  
Liz Purcell

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**To:** [legallyliz@yahoo.com](mailto:legallyliz@yahoo.com)  
**Date:** Friday, January 16, 2004 03:53 PM  
**Subject:** {BTSTL#158-154}Animal Incidents on Airlines

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## Interaction 158-154

### Contact

**Contact Name:** legallyliz@yahoo.com  
**E-mail Address:** legallyliz@yahoo.com  
**Contact ID:** 119-771

### Interaction History

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**From:** legallyliz@yahoo.com  
**To:** Comments, DOT  
**Date:** Friday, January 16, 2004 04:02 PM  
**Subject:** Animal Incidents on Airlines

January 16, 2004

Liz Purcell  
1100 17th St. #318  
Sacramento, CA 95814-4014  
[legallyliz@yahoo.com](mailto:legallyliz@yahoo.com)

Dear Mr. Mineta:

As you are aware, Congress passed a law in April 2000 requiring airlines to report incidents of loss, injury or death to animals during commercial flights --rather than just as lost baggage -- and requiring the Department of Transportation to make these reports public on a monthly basis. After publishing a draft and receiving thousands of letters from the public, DOT issued its "final" rule in August to implement this reporting requirement. These reports will allow people to better gauge an airline's track record before deciding whether to fly their companion animals in cargo holds and hopefully make airlines more careful.

Nearly four years after the bill passed Congress, the final rule has not yet taken effect. It's time that the Department of Transportation, along with the Department of Agriculture and the Office of Management and Budget, finish the rule and begin reporting on animal incidents as the law demands and the public expects.

Sincerely,  
Liz Purcell

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**To:** [legallyliz@yahoo.com](mailto:legallyliz@yahoo.com)  
**Date:** Friday, January 16, 2004 03:53 PM  
**Subject:** {BTSTL#158-154}Animal Incidents on Airlines

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Sincerely,

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U.S. Department of Transportation

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From: [legallyliz@yahoo.com](mailto:legallyliz@yahoo.com) [[legallyliz@yahoo.com](mailto:legallyliz@yahoo.com)]

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## **Interaction 158-153**

### **Contact**

<b>Contact Name:</b>	Donna Selquist
<b>E-mail Address:</b>	dselquist@MSN.COM
<b>Contact ID:</b>	119-770

### **Interaction History**

**E-mail received from Contact Donna Selquist on January 16 2004, 03:53 PM**

**From:** Donna Selquist  
**To:** Comments, DOT  
**Date:** Friday, January 16, 2004 03:59 PM  
**Subject:** animal injuries in flight

I'm urging you to act promptly to finish up any loose ends and/or loopholes in the regulations requiring airlines to report all injuries to animals in flight, and not to record them simply as "baggage" incidents. I understand that there has been some confusion over implementation between DOT, USDA and the OMB, not to mention the airlines themselves. But enough is enough -- please clear up the situation immediately!

Thank you.

Donna Selquist

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**Auto acknowledgement sent on January 16 2004, 03:53 PM**

**From:** DotComments  
**To:** Donna Selquist  
**Date:** Friday, January 16, 2004 03:53 PM

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## Interaction 158-133

### Contact

**Contact Name:** Kristina Brown  
**E-mail Address:** rivernirvana325@yahoo.com  
**Contact ID:** 119-759

### Interaction History

**E-mail received from Contact Kristina Brown on January 16 2004, 03:03 PM**

**From:** Kristina Brown  
**To:** Comments, DOT  
**Date:** Friday, January 16, 2004 03:11 PM  
**Subject:** Animal Treatment

Hon. Mineta,

I have received word that a bill has been passed to protect animals but has not been enforced. The treatment of animals should be a top priority. Please make it mandatory to report animal incidents. Also, hold the airlines more accountable for the treatment of the animals they are entrusted with.

Kristina Brown

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**From:** DotComments  
**To:** Kristina Brown  
**Date:** Friday, January 16, 2004 03:03 PM  
**Subject:** {BTSTL#158-133}Animal Treatment

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## Interaction 158-131

### Contact

**Contact Name:** joyce janicki  
**E-mail Address:** joycejanicki@hotmail.com  
**Contact ID:** 119-757

### Interaction History

**E-mail received from Contact joyce janicki on January 16 2004, 02:58 PM**

**From:** joyce janicki  
**To:** Comments, DOT  
**Date:** Friday, January 16, 2004 03:08 PM  
**Cc:** agsec@usda.gov; Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov  
**Subject:** Animal Incident Reporting on Airlines

Hello-

I strongly urge you to please act now to help protect animals. Please work quickly so that the "airline animal incident reporting" rule is finished and put into action. The law demands that animal treatment on airlines be reported, and the public is waiting for this law to take effect. Please act now.

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Joyce Janicki, 22493 Milner, St. Clair Shores, MI 48081

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## Interaction 158-130

### Contact

**Contact Name:** Lauren  
**E-mail Address:** lrdevine@yahoo.com  
**Contact ID:** 037-933

### Interaction History

**E-mail received from Contact Lauren on January 16 2004, 02:58 PM**

**From:** Lauren  
**To:** Comments, DOT  
**Date:** Friday, January 16, 2004 03:03 PM  
**Subject:** DOT Airline Rule

Dear Mr. Mineta:

Nearly four years after the bill requiring airlines to report incidents of loss, injury or death to animals during commercial flights and requiring the Department of Transportation to make their reports public, the final rule has not yet taken effect, thanks to agency foot-dragging and lack of communication between the DOT, the Department of Agriculture and the OMB. Animals in cargo holds are not just "baggage."

I am writing today to urge you to wrap up the process immediately so that airlines will be held accountable for the treatment of animals in their care.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

L. Devine  
1377 Walnut Terrace  
Boca Raton, FL 33486

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## Interaction 158-121

### Contact

**Contact Name:** jycoloma@netscape.net  
**E-mail Address:** jycoloma@netscape.net  
**Contact ID:** 119-750

### Interaction History

**E-mail received from Contact [jycoloma@netscape.net](mailto:jycoloma@netscape.net) on January 16 2004, 02:43 PM**

**From:** jycoloma@netscape.net  
**To:** Comments, DOT; agsec@usda.gov; Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov  
**Date:** Friday, January 16, 2004 02:50 PM  
**Subject:** airlines and animals

To whom it may concern:

I am writing to ask you to please put into effect a bill that has been passed nearly four years ago now, a bill that would make the airlines accountable for their treatment of animals and would help inform consumers on the safety record of the airlines.

As an animal owner, and an avid traveler, this type of information is very important to me. I have made a commitment to my animals to keep them safe and protected, and cannot genuinely do so unless i have this type of information. Many airlines report that they have good records in transporting animals. If this is so, why are they unwilling to provide us with any statistics?

Please do whatever you can to make sure this bill is followed, for the safety of our animals. Thank you for your time.

Respectfully,

Jessica Coloma  
Fenton, MI

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**Interaction 158-112****Contact**

**Contact Name:** Kathy Newman  
**E-mail Address:** txkbn@yahoo.com  
**Contact ID:** 119-742

**Interaction History**

**E-mail received from Contact Kathy Newman on January 16 2004, 02:23 PM**

**From:** Kathy Newman  
**To:** Comments, DOT; agsec@usda.gov; animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov  
**Date:** Friday, January 16, 2004 02:30 PM  
**Subject:** Airline Animal Incident Reports

Hello:

I am dismayed to learn that the April 2000 law requiring airlines to report incidents of animal injury, loss, or death during commercial flights, is still not being enforced. I strongly urge you to resolve any minor issues among the agencies and begin holding the airlines accountable for their treatment of animals. This would help the public determine the safest airlines for shipping their pets and other animals on. The treatment and safety of animals is certainly more important than lost baggage; they are sentient creatures who deserve humane treatment. Please do your jobs and begin enforcing the law by demanding that all incidents animal incidents be reported on a monthly basis. These reports should be made public.

Thank you.

Kathy B. Newman  
5614 Timber Trace  
San Antonio, TX 78250

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## Interaction 158-103

### Contact

**Contact Name:** Casey Roth  
**E-mail Address:** caseyrapp@hotmail.com  
**Contact ID:** 119-737

### Interaction History

#### **E-mail received from Contact Casey Roth on January 16 2004, 02:08 PM**

**From:** Casey Roth  
**To:** Comments, DOT  
**Date:** Friday, January 16, 2004 02:16 PM  
**Subject:** Accountability of airlines with respect to animals under their care

Good afternoon. As a concerned citizen and animal lover, I expect the law requiring airlines to report incidents of loss, injury and/or death to animals during commercial flights to be enforced.

It is simply unacceptable that sentient beings, i.e., non-human animals, were at one time considered "baggage" by the airline industry.

You should be ashamed of yourself for not bringing this important and just law to fruition sooner.

I will be following this closely.  
Thank you kindly.  
Casey Roth  
Pasadena, CA

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## Interaction 158-095

### Contact

**Contact Name:** godmetal@aol.com  
**E-mail Address:** godmetal@aol.com  
**Contact ID:** 036-015

### Interaction History

E-mail received from Contact GodMetal@aol.com on January 16 2004, 02:00 PM

**From:** GodMetal@aol.com  
**To:** Comments, DOT  
**Date:** Friday, January 16, 2004 01:56 PM  
**Cc:** agsec@usda.gov; Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov  
**Subject:** Incident reporting on airlines

Dear Secretary Mineta, cc: Secretary Veneman and Director Bolton:

Congress passed a law in April 2000 requiring airlines to report incidents of loss, injury or death to animals during commercial flights -- rather than just as lost baggage -- and requiring the Dept. of Transportation (DOT) to make these reports public on a monthly basis. After publishing a draft and receiving thousands of letters from the public, the DOT issued its final rule in August to implement this reporting requirement. Although the DOT unfortunately decided on a narrow definition of "animal" (only covering companion animals), these reports will allow people to better gauge an airline's track record before deciding whether to fly their companion animals in cargo holds and, we hope, make airlines more careful. Please finish up the process so that airlines have to be more careful with the handling of animals.

Sincerely,

Doug Shohan  
95 Via Maria  
Lee, MA 01238

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**Interaction 158-089****Contact**

**Contact Name:** Jodi Bell  
**E-mail Address:** jodibell@kennebell.net  
**Contact ID:** 119-727

**Interaction History****E-mail received from Contact Jodi Bell on January 16 2004, 01:30 PM**

**From:** Jodi Bell  
**To:** Comments, DOT  
**Date:** Friday, January 16, 2004 01:34 PM  
**Subject:** ANIMAL INCIDENTS ON AIRLINES STILL NOT BEING REPORTED

**Re: ANIMAL INCIDENTS ON AIRLINES STILL NOT BEING REPORTED**

The Honorable Norman Mineta, Secretary of Transportation;

I am writing you today to urge you to start reporting animal incidents on airlines. Congress passed a law in April 2000 requiring airlines to report incidents of loss, injury or death to animals during commercial flights -- rather than just as lost baggage -- and requiring the Dept. of Transportation (DOT) to make these reports public on a monthly basis. After publishing a draft and receiving thousands of letters from the public, DOT issued its "final" rule in August to implement this reporting requirement. Although DOT unfortunately decided on a narrow definition of "animal" (only covering companion animals), these reports will allow people to better gauge an airline's track record before deciding whether to fly their companion animals in cargo holds and, we hope, make airlines more careful. Nearly four years after the bill passed Congress, the final rule has not yet taken effect, thanks to agency foot-dragging and a lack of communication between DOT, the Department of Agriculture (USDA), and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to resolve minor details. It is time to wrap up the process immediately so that airlines are more accountable for the treatment of animals in their care.

Sincerely,

Jodi Bell  
10743 Bell Court

Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730

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**From:** DotComments  
**To:** Jodi Bell  
**Date:** Friday, January 16, 2004 01:30 PM  
**Subject:** {BTSTL#158-089}ANIMAL INCIDENTS ON AIRLINES STILL NOT BEING REPORTED

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Sincerely,

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From: Jodi Bell [jodibell@kennebell.net]  
Sent: Friday, Jan 16 2004 1:34PM  
To: Comments, DOT [DOT.Comments@ost.dot.gov]  
Subject: ANIMAL INCIDENTS ON AIRLINES STILL NOT BEING REPORTED

**Re: ANIMAL INCIDENTS ON AIRLINES STILL NOT BEING REPORTED**

The Honorable Norman Mineta, Secretary of Transportation;  
I am writing you today to urge you to start reporting animal incidents on airlines. Congress passed a law in April 2000 requiring airlines to report incidents of loss, injury or death to animals during commercial flights -- rather than just as lost baggage - and requiring the Dept. of Transportation (DOT) to make these reports public on a monthly basis. After publishing a draft and receiving thousands of letters from the public, DOT issued its "final" rule in August to implement this reporting requirement. Although DOT unfortunately decided on a narrow

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## Interaction 158-079

### Contact

**Contact Name:** allan mutschler  
**E-mail Address:** handscanada@hotmail.com  
**Contact ID:** 119-720

### Interaction History

**E-mail received from Contact allan mutschler on January 16 2004, 01:08 PM**

**From:** allan mutschler  
**To:** Comments, DOT  
**Date:** Friday, January 16, 2004 01:17 PM  
**Subject:** Action required!

Attention,

The Honorable Norman Mineta  
Secretary of Transportation

I have received information stating that congress passed a law in April of 2000 requiring airlines to report incidents of loss, injury or death to animals during commercial flights -- rather than just as lost baggage - and requiring the Dept. of Transportation to make these reports public on a monthly basis. The DOT made its final rule in August to implement this reporting requirement. Nearly four full years have passed since congress passed this bill and the final rule has not yet been put into effect. This is thanks to the foot dragging and lack of communication between the Department of Transportation, the Department of Agriculture, and the Office of Management and Budget to resolve minor issues. I believe that it is time to finish the rule and begin reporting on animal incidents as the law demands and the public expects. I urge you to wrap up the process immediately so that the airlines are held accountable for the treatment of the animals in their care. Thank you for your time in this matter.

Sincerely,

Allan Mutschler  
Mesa, Arizona

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**From:** DotComments  
**To:** allan mutschler  
**Date:** Friday, January 16, 2004 01:08 PM  
**Subject:** {BTSTL#158-079}Action required!

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From: allan mutschler [[handscanada@hotmail.com](mailto:handscanada@hotmail.com)]  
Sent: Friday, Jan 16 2004 1:17PM  
To: Comments, DOT [[DOT.Comments@ost.dot.gov](mailto:DOT.Comments@ost.dot.gov)]  
Subject: Action required!

Attention,

The Honorable Norman Mineta  
Secretary of Transportation

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**Interaction 158-065****Contact**

**Contact Name:** Connie Curnow  
**E-mail Address:** cscurnow@hotmail.com  
**Contact ID:** 119-709

**Interaction History**

**E-mail received from Contact Connie Curnow on January 16 2004, 12:33 PM**

**From:** Connie Curnow  
**To:** Comments, DOT  
**Date:** Friday, January 16, 2004 12:38 PM  
**Subject:** ANIMAL INCIDENTS ON AIRLINES STILL NOT BEING REPORTED

**ANIMAL INCIDENTS ON AIRLINES STILL NOT BEING REPORTED!!!**

Congress passed a law in April 2000 requiring airlines to report incidents of loss, injury or death to animals during commercial flights -- rather than just as lost baggage -- and requiring the Dept. of Transportation (DOT) to make these reports public on a monthly basis. After publishing a draft and receiving thousands of letters from the public, DOT issued its "final" rule in August to implement this reporting requirement. Although DOT unfortunately decided on a narrow definition of "animal" (only covering companion animals), these reports will allow people to better gauge an airline's track record before deciding whether to fly their companion animals in cargo holds and, we hope, make airlines more careful.

Nearly four years after the bill passed Congress, the final rule has not yet taken effect, thanks to agency foot-dragging and a lack of communication between DOT, the Department of Agriculture (USDA), and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to resolve minor details. It's time YOU finish the rule and BEGIN reporting on animal incidents AS the law demands AND the public expects!!!! The airlines must be held accountable for the treatment of animals in their care!!!!

When and what are you going to do about this?????  
Please respond!

Sincerely,  
Connie Curnow  
219 E. Summer Meadow Circle  
Bountiful, Utah 84010

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**From:** DotComments  
**To:** Connie Curnow  
**Date:** Friday, January 16, 2004 12:33 PM  
**Subject:** {BTSTL#158-065}ANIMAL INCIDENTS ON AIRLINES STILL NOT BEING REPORTED

Dear DOT Customer:

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Sincerely,

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From: Connie Curnow [[ccurnow@hotmail.com](mailto:ccurnow@hotmail.com)]  
Sent: Friday, Jan 16 2004 12:38PM  
To: Comments, DOT [[DOT.Comments@ost.dot.gov](mailto:DOT.Comments@ost.dot.gov)]  
Subject: ANIMAL INCIDENTS ON AIRLINES STILL NOT BEING REPORTED

**ANIMAL INCIDENTS ON AIRLINES STILL NOT BEING REPORTED!!!**

Congress passed a law in April 2000 requiring airlines to report incidents



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## **Interaction 158-064**

### **Contact**

**Contact Name:** marckdoppke  
**E-mail Address:** marckdoppke@yahoo.com  
**Contact ID:** 119-708

### **Interaction History**

#### **E-mail received from Contact marckdoppke on January 16 2004, 12:30 PM**

**From:** marckdoppke  
**To:** Comments, DOT; agsec@usda.gov  
**Date:** Friday, January 16, 2004 12:33 PM  
**Cc:** Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov  
**Subject:** Animal Protection Accountability

Hello,

Please implement your law requiring airlines to report animals injury and death immediately. Although the law does not go far enough, I need this information to responsible choose airlines. I could only believe their reluctance to do this is a result of many animals dying in their cargo bays. What ever the truth I would like to now now.

Thank you,  
Mark Doppke  
1209 Forrester Ave NW  
Albuquerque, NM 87104

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## Interaction 158-057

### Contact

**Contact Name:** G.Schneider@ponl.com  
**E-mail Address:** G.Schneider@ponl.com  
**Contact ID:** 119-701

### Interaction History

**E-mail received from Contact G.Schneider@ponl.com on January 16 2004, 11:58 AM**

**From:** G.Schneider@ponl.com  
**To:** Comments, DOT; Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov  
**Date:** Friday, January 16, 2004 12:05 PM  
**Subject:** Animal Incidents on Airlines

Dear Honorable Norman Mineta and Honorable Joshua Bolton,

I ask you to begin reporting on animal incidents on airlines as the law demands and the public expects. I ask the DOT,USDA, & OMB to have more communication and to work together so that airlines are more accountable for the treatment of the animals in their care

Thank You

Greg Schneider

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**Interaction 160-188****Contact**

**Contact Name:** Sarah Mitchem  
**E-mail Address:** scoopsable@hotmail.com  
**Contact ID:** 121-214

**Interaction History**

**Media: E-mail. Received. From Contact: Sarah Mitchem. Time: 1/23/2004 3:18:03 PM.**

**From:** Sarah Mitchem  
**To:** Comments, DOT  
**Date:** Friday, January 23, 2004 03:26 PM  
**Subject:** airline responsibility

Dear Honorable Norman Mineta;

I am writing this e-mail to please urge you to make the airlines more accountable for the animals in their care. The public has the right to expect animals to be treated carefully while in the care of the airlines. Many of us would base our airline carrier choice solely on the statistics of which ones provide the best transportation for animals. Without the knowledge being readily available to the public, we are essentially risking the health of our animals any time we chose to fly them. For me, risking my animals means I am risking family members. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,  
Sarah Mitchem

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**Interaction 160-150****Contact****Contact****Name:****E-mail Address:****Contact ID:****Interaction History****Media: E-mail. Received. From Contact: marianne panes. Time: 1/23/2004 12:48:06 PM.**

**From:** marianne panes  
**To:** Comments, DOT  
**Date:** Friday, January 23, 2004 12:57 PM  
**Subject:** Airline accountability with animal passengers

Dear Secretary Mineta,

Congress passed a law in April 2000 requiring airlines to report incidents of loss, injury, or death to requiement. Nearly four years after the bill was passed by Congress, the final rule has not yet taken effe

I urge you to complete this process immediately so that airlines are more accountable for the treatme

Sincerely,

Marianne Panes

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**From:** DotComments  
**To:** marianne panes  
**Date:** Friday, January 23, 2004 12:48 PM

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**Interaction 160-071****Contact**

**Contact Name:** Colliesheparott@aol.com  
**E-mail Address:** Colliesheparott@aol.com  
**Contact ID:** 121-134

**Interaction History**

**Media: E-mail. Received. From Contact: Colliesheparott@aol.com. Time: 1/23/2004 9:38:12 AM.**

**From:** Colliesheparott@aol.com  
**To:** Comments, DOT; agsec@usda.gov; animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov  
**Date:** Friday, January 23, 2004 09:47 AM  
**Subject:** protection for animals on airlines

Nearly 4 years have passed since Congress passed its final ruling regarding the reporting of loss, injury and death of animals during commercial flights - yet this ruling has yet to be implemented.

The importance of this issue which prompted the ruling in the first place has not, by any means, lessened! The public has a right to know and the airlines have the responsibility to be accountable for, the thousands of animals whose lives are compromised in any way each year on commercial flights in the US.

By enforcing this ruling, you hold the airlines accountable for their current practices and you in fact force them to become more cognizant of this problem and to explore ways to eliviate the problems, thus benefiting all of the animals who are packed onto jets in this country.

I strongly encourage all of you to do whatever is necessary in each of your capacities to see to it that this ruling takes effect immediately.

Respectfully,  
Cheryl Adam  
Merrillville, IN

**Assigned to: (None). By: System. Time: 1/23/2004 9:38:12 AM.**

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## Interaction 159-821

### Contact

**Contact Name:** morray cohen  
**E-mail Address:** golfrunner14@hotmail.com  
**Contact ID:** 120-944

### Interaction History

**Media: E-mail. Received. From Contact: morray cohen. Time: 1/22/2004 1:45:03 PM.**

**From:** morray cohen  
**To:** Comments, DOT; agsec@usda.gov  
**Date:** Thursday, January 22, 2004 01:40 PM  
**Subject:** Transportation of animals

I am writing to ask you to require the airlines to support reporting incidents of loss, injury or death to animals during commercial flights.

The public should be able to decide which airlines are behaving responsibly. This will make the airlines more careful when shipping animals. Thank you.

M Booth Cohen, 304 27 Street, Brigantine, NJ 08203

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**From:** DotComments  
**To:** morray cohen  
**Date:** Thursday, January 22, 2004 01:45 PM  
**Subject:** {BTSTL#159-821}Transportation of animals

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**Interaction 159-808****Contact**

**Contact Name:** jimbradbury  
**E-mail Address:** jimbradbury@snet.net  
**Contact ID:** 120-936

**Interaction History**

**Media: E-mail. Received. From Contact: jimbradbury. Time: 1/22/2004 12:58:16 PM.**

**From:** jimbradbury  
**To:** Comments, DOT  
**Date:** Thursday, January 22, 2004 01:07 PM  
**Subject:** Animal Transportation Reporting

Dear Mr. Mineta,

It has been nearly four years since congress passed the bill requiring airlines to report animal incidents thus providing the public with the ability to make informed decisions about which airline to trust their animals to. I find it deplorable that the DOT has still yet to enact the rule and effect a change in the reporting mechanism. As a taxpayer, when I hear of situations like this I am incensed at the incompetence of the federal government to accomplish even the simplest of tasks aimed at providing the public (to whom you are responsible) the protection it deserves. Get this rule enacted and stop providing the public with more reason to distrust and dislike our government. Get off your rump and accomplish something.

James E. Bradbury  
33 Wanda Lane  
Middletown, CT 06457

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**From:** DotComments  
**To:** jimbradbury

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**Interaction 159-805****Contact**

**Contact Name:** charp@clayton.k12.ga.us  
**E-mail Address:** charp@clayton.k12.ga.us  
**Contact ID:** 120-934

**Interaction History**

**Media:** E-mail. Received. From Contact: charp@clayton.k12.ga.us. Time: 1/22/2004 12:53:13 PM.

**From:** charp@clayton.k12.ga.us  
**To:** Comments, DOT  
**Date:** Thursday, January 22, 2004 01:01 PM  
**Subject:** Animal Incidents should be reported

Dear Honorable Norman Mineta,

My name is Christi Harp and I am a media specialist in suburban Atlanta, Georgia. I have a dog and I care about animals a great deal. I am writing you to ask that you work to get animal incidents (loss, injury, death) reported on a monthly basis. This law was passed by Congress four years ago but it is still not being done.

Please resolve the lack of communication between the DOT, USDA, and OMB.

Thank you,  
Christi Harp  
678-480-7274

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**Interaction 159-799****Contact**

**Contact Name:** Barbara Holtz  
**E-mail Address:** barbaraholtz@paulhastings.com  
**Contact ID:** 038-726

**Interaction History**

**Media: E-mail. Received. From Contact: Barbara Holtz. Time: 1/22/2004 12:43:08 PM.**

**From:** Barbara Holtz  
**To:** Comments, DOT; 'agsec@usda.gov'; 'Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov'  
**Date:** Thursday, January 22, 2004 12:48 PM  
**Subject:** Animals on Commercial Airlines

Congress passed a law in April 2000 requiring airlines to report incidents of loss, injury or death to animals during commercial flights -- rather than just as lost baggage - and requiring the Dept. of Transportation (DOT) to make these reports public on a monthly basis. After publishing a draft and receiving thousands of letters from the public, DOT issued its "final" rule in August to implement this reporting requirement. Although DOT unfortunately decided on a narrow definition of "animal" (only covering companion animals), these reports will allow people to better gauge an airline's track record before deciding whether to fly their companion animals in cargo holds and, we hope, make airlines more careful.

Nearly four years after the bill passed Congress, the final rule has not yet taken effect, thanks to agency foot-dragging and a lack of communication between DOT, the Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to resolve minor details. It's time they finish the rule and begin reporting on animal incidents as the law demands and the public expects.

I write to urge you to wrap up this process immediately so that airlines are more accountable for the treatment of animals in their care. Please let us treat all animals humanely.

Thank you for your consideration.

Barbara Holtz  
245 E. 25th St.  
NY, NY 10010

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**From:** DotComments  
**To:** Barbara Holtz  
**Date:** Thursday, January 22, 2004 12:43 PM  
**Subject:** {BTSTL#159-799}Animals on Commercial Airlines

Dear DOT Customer:

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Sincerely,

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From: Barbara Holtz [[BarbaraHoltz@paulhastings.com](mailto:BarbaraHoltz@paulhastings.com)]  
 Sent: Thursday, Jan 22 2004 12:48PM  
 To: Comments, DOT [[DOT.Comments@ost.dot.gov](mailto:DOT.Comments@ost.dot.gov)]; 'agsec@usda.gov' [[agsec@usda.gov](mailto:agsec@usda.gov)];  
 'Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov' [[Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov](mailto:Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov)]  
 Subject: Animals on Commercial Airlines

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**Interaction 159-775****Contact**

**Contact Name:** PaigeStvns3@netscape.net  
**E-mail Address:** PaigeStvns3@netscape.net  
**Contact ID:** 120-913

**Interaction History**

**Media: E-mail. Received. From Contact: PaigeStvns3@netscape.net. Time: 1/22/2004 11:23:04 AM.**

**From:** PaigeStvns3@netscape.net  
**To:** Comments, DOT; agsec@usda.gov; Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov  
**Date:** Thursday, January 22, 2004 11:32 AM  
**Subject:** Airline reporting

The Honorable Norman Mineta, Secretary of Transportation,  
The Honorable Ann Veneman, Secretary of Agriculture,  
The Honorable Joshua Bolton, Director, Office of Management and Budget:

After reading on HUMANELines the stalled status of the bill passed in Congress four years ago, I'm urging you to do all you can to wrap up the process immediately so that airlines are more accountable for the treatment of animals in their care. Reporting on animal incidents while under the care of the airlines is a crucial step in improving the treatment beloved pets deserve.

Thank you for your immediate assistance with resolving this necessary and important matter.

Peggy Sibila  
Columbus OH

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**Interaction 159-710****Contact**

**Contact Name:** SadistikZombie69@aol.com  
**E-mail Address:** SadistikZombie69@aol.com  
**Contact ID:** 120-871

**Interaction History**

**Media:** E-mail. Received. From Contact: SadistikZombie69@aol.com. Time: 1/22/2004 10:03:50 AM.

**From:** SadistikZombie69@aol.com  
**To:** Comments, DOT  
**Date:** Thursday, January 22, 2004 10:10 AM  
**Subject:** Animal Incidents on Airlines

Nearly four years after the bill passed Congress, the final rule has not yet taken effect, thanks to agency foot-dragging and a lack of communication between DOT, the Department of Agriculture (USDA), and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to resolve minor details. It's time to finish the rule and begin reporting on animal incidents as the law demands and the public expects. I urge you to wrap up the process immediately so that airlines are more accountable for the treatment of animals in their care. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Kevin Crawford  
Greer, SC

**Assigned to:** (None). **By:** System. **Time:** 1/22/2004 10:03:50 AM.

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**Interaction 159-708****Contact**

**Contact Name:** Carl Cording  
**E-mail Address:** cordingc@mail.strose.edu  
**Contact ID:** 037-885

**Interaction History**

**Media: E-mail. Received. From Contact: Carl Cording. Time: 1/22/2004 10:03:47 AM.**

**From:** Carl Cording  
**To:** Comments, DOT; agsec@usda.gov; Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov  
**Date:** Thursday, January 22, 2004 10:10 AM  
**Subject:** ANIMAL INCIDENTS ON AIRLINES STILL NOT BEING REPORTED

Dear Sirs, Madam:

Congress passed a law in April 2000 requiring airlines to report incidents of loss, injury or death to animals during commercial flights -- rather than just as lost baggage -- and requiring the Dept. of Transportation (DOT) to make these reports public on a monthly basis. After publishing a draft and receiving thousands of letters from the public, DOT issued its "final" rule in August to implement this reporting requirement. Although DOT unfortunately decided on a narrow definition of "animal" (only covering companion animals), these reports will allow people to better gauge an airline's track record before deciding whether to fly their companion animals in cargo holds and, we hope, make airlines more careful. Nearly four years after the bill passed Congress, the final rule has not yet taken effect, thanks to agency foot-dragging and a lack of communication between DOT, the Department of Agriculture (USDA), and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to resolve minor details. It's time they finish the rule and begin reporting on animal incidents as the law demands and the public expects. Please wrap up the process immediately so that airlines are more accountable for the treatment of animals in their care.

Thank you.

Carl Cording

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**From:** DotComments  
**To:** Carl Cording  
**Date:** Thursday, January 22, 2004 10:03 AM  
**Subject:** {BTSTL#159-708}ANIMAL INCIDENTS ON AIRLINES STILL NOT BEING REPORTED

Dear DOT Customer:

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Sincerely,

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**From:** Carl Cording [[cordingc@mail.stose.edu](mailto:cordingc@mail.stose.edu)]  
**Sent:** Thursday, Jan 22 2004 10:10AM  
**To:** Comments, DOT [[DOT.Comments@ost.dot.gov](mailto:DOT.Comments@ost.dot.gov)]; [agsec@usda.gov](mailto:agsec@usda.gov) [[agsec@usda.gov](mailto:agsec@usda.gov)];  
[Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov](mailto:Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov) [[Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov](mailto:Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov)]  
**Subject:** ANIMAL INCIDENTS ON AIRLINES STILL NOT BEING REPORTED

Dear Sirs, Madam:

**Interaction 159-619****Contact**

**Contact Name:** Heiko Schiemann  
**E-mail Address:** puenzelchen@web.de  
**Contact ID:** 120-811

**Interaction History**

**Media: E-mail. Received. From Contact: Heiko Schiemann. Time: 1/21/2004 1:23:06 PM.**

**From:** Heiko Schiemann  
**To:** agsec@usda.gov; Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov; Comments, DOT  
**Date:** Wednesday, January 21, 2004 01:30 PM  
**Subject:** Re: U.S. Rule For Animals On Planes Still In Limbo

"Stephanie Johanna Goldbach" <Hefflein@gmx.de> schrieb am 20.01.04 09:56:15:

>  
 > Dear Mr. Mineta, Ms. Veneman and Mr. Bolton:  
 >  
 > Four years have passed since Congress enacted a bill to implement protective  
 > measures for traveling companion animals. The law requires airlines to  
 > publicly disclose the loss, injury or death of animals aboard commercial  
 > flights.  
 >  
 > The reporting requirement was supposed to take effect in August 2000. Yet  
 > due to delays and limited exchange between DOT, the Dept. of Agriculture,  
 > and the Office of Management and Budget, the law sits on a shelf gathering  
 > dust.  
 >  
 > It is time for airlines to report trauma to animals on a monthly basis, as  
 > stipulated in the rule. The public has a right to assess an airline's  
 > history. The USDA should check all reports for violations of the Animal  
 > Welfare Act.  
 >  
 > Every year an estimated 5,000 animals wind up lost, wounded or dead due to  
 > extreme temperatures, poor ventilation, or rough treatment during transport  
 > in cargo holds. The Calk family's ordeal began when American Airlines told

> them their golden retriever Jed "was not ready yet" after a flight from  
 > Newark to Los Angeles. After twenty minutes Jed was returned unconscious and  
 > soaked in urine, feces and vomit. He later died from suffocation due to  
 > oxygen deficiency during the flight.  
 >  
 > When the Anzalones inquired about their boxer Enzo on a flight from St.  
 > Louis to Ft. Lauderdale, they were told:  
 > "Enzo is smiling and drinking water." In fact, Enzo had already died. An  
 > autopsy indicated heat stress as the cause of death.  
 >  
 > There is no excuse for one more Jed or Enzo. At the very least, airlines  
 > should be held responsible for these tragedies.  
 >  
 > Please finalize the rule now. I also encourage you to expand its definition  
 > of "animal" to encompass any species en route to research laboratories, zoos  
 > or other facilities. The airlines need a system of accountability that  
 > prompts them to treat living beings humanely--rather than reduce them to  
 > lost or damaged baggage.  
 >  
 > With kind regards,  
 >  
 Heike Hansen-Schiemann

Merkurweg 12 b

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Germany

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**From:** DotComments  
**To:** Heiko Schiemann  
**Date:** Wednesday, January 21, 2004 01:23 PM  
**Subject:** {BTSTL#159-619}U.S. Rule For Animals On Planes Still In Limbo



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## Interaction 158-148

### Contact

**Contact Name:** Bernard and Jennifer Kahl  
**E-mail Address:** thekahls@charter.net  
**Contact ID:** 119-766

### Interaction History

**Media:** E-mail. Received. From Contact: Bernard and Jennifer Kahl. Time: 1/16/2004 3:33:09 PM.

**From:** Bernard and Jennifer Kahl  
**To:** Comments, DOT  
**Date:** Friday, January 16, 2004 03:42 PM  
**Subject:**

January 16, 2004

The Honorable Norman Mineta, Secretary of Transportation  
E-mail: dot.comments@ost.dot.gov  
Phone: 202-366-1111

Dear Honorable Norman Mineta, Secretary of Transportation,

I am writing to you to express concern regarding the failure to implement the April 2000 law passed by Congress that requires airlines to report incidents of loss, injury or death to animals during commercial flights -- rather than just as lost baggage -- and requiring the Dept. of Transportation (DOT) to make these reports public on a monthly basis. I have been informed that this failure is due to a lack of communication between DOT, the Department of Agriculture (USDA), and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to resolve minor details.

I am urging you to use your position to help complete the process immediately so that airlines are more accountable for the treatment of animals in their care. According to DOT, more than "two million pets and live animals are transported by air every year in the United States." It has been estimated that as many as 5,000 animals may be lost, injured or die annually due to extreme heat or cold temperatures, lack of oxygen, or rough handling while being transported in commercial airline cargo holds. You have the power to help stop this unnecessary suffering.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Sincerely,

Jennifer L.  
Kahl  
South Street  
Cumberland, MD 21502

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**Assigned to: (None). By: System. Time: 1/16/2004 3:33:10 PM.**

**Auto acknowledgement sent. Time: 1/16/2004 3:33:10 PM.**

**From:** DotComments  
**To:** Bernard and Jennifer Kahl  
**Date:** Friday, January 16, 2004 03:33 PM  
**Subject:** {BTSTL#158-148}

Dear DOT Customer:

Thank you for contacting the Department of Transportation. Your email has been forwarded to the National Transportation Library Reference Service in the Bureau of Transportation Statistics. This is to acknowledge that we received your email message on Jan 16 2004 3:33PM. Your tracking number for this inquiry is 158148 .

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Sincerely,

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-----Original Message-----

From: Bernard and Jennifer Kahl [thekahls@charter.net]  
Sent: Friday, Jan 16 2004 3:42PM

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**Interaction 158-035****Contact**

**Contact Name:** Mary Moneypenny  
**E-mail Address:** felinophile@care2.com  
**Contact ID:** 119-689

**Interaction History**

**Media: E-mail. Received. From Contact: Mary Moneypenny. Time: 1/16/2004 10:33:11 AM.**

**From:** Mary Moneypenny  
**To:** Comments, DOT; agsec@usda.gov; Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov  
**Date:** Friday, January 16, 2004 10:43 AM  
**Subject:** ANIMAL INCIDENTS ON AIRLINES STILL NOT BEING REPORTED!

The Honorable Norman Mineta, Secretary of Transportation  
The Honorable Ann Veneman, Secretary of Agriculture  
The Honorable Joshua Bolton, Director, Office of Management and Budget

Dear Madame and Messieurs:

I am writing you to urge all of you to please immediately wrap up the process of making airlines more responsible and accountable for the animals which they transport and for the treatment of animals in their care.

As you may know, Congress passed a law in April 2000 requiring airlines to report incidents of loss, injury or death to animals during commercial flights -- rather than just as lost baggage -- and requiring the Dept. of Transportation (DOT) to make these reports public on a monthly basis. After publishing a draft and receiving thousands of letters from the public, DOT issued its "final" rule in August to implement this reporting requirement. Although DOT unfortunately decided on a narrow definition of "animal" (only covering companion animals), these reports will allow people to better gauge an airline's track record before deciding whether to fly their companion animals in cargo holds and, hopefully, make airlines

more careful.

Nearly four years after the bill passed Congress, the final rule has not yet taken effect, thanks to agency foot-dragging and a lack of communication between DOT, the Department of Agriculture (USDA), and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to resolve minor details. It's time they finish the rule and begin reporting on animal incidents as the law demands and the public expects.

Please take the above facts into full consideration and do the right thing. Thank you

Sincerely,

M. Moneypenny

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**From:** DotComments  
**To:** Mary Moneypenny  
**Date:** Friday, January 16, 2004 10:33 AM  
**Subject:** {BTSTL#158-035}ANIMAL INCIDENTS ON AIRLINES STILL NOT BEING REPORTED!

Dear DOT Customer:

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Sincerely,

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## **Interaction 158-403**

### **Contact**

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<b>E-mail Address:</b>	Janet514@aol.com
<b>Contact ID:</b>	119-938

### **Interaction History**

**E-mail received from Contact Janet514@aol.com on January 17 2004, 12:30 PM**

**From:** Janet514@aol.com  
**To:** Comments, DOT  
**Date:** Saturday, January 17, 2004 12:29 PM  
**Subject:** Re: animal safety on airplanes

Dear Honorable Norman Mineta:

I urge you to do what you can to stop the foot-dragging between the DOT, the Department of Agriculture and the Office of Management and Budget and start enforcing the bill passed by Congress that requires airlines to report incidents of loss, injury and death to animals during commercial flights and that the DOT report them monthly. Let's get going to protect the animals.

Sincerely,  
Janet St. Aubin  
910 Dewitt Rd  
Webster, NY 14580

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**Interaction 158-395****Contact**

**Contact Name:** makensey cardwell  
**E-mail Address:** makenseylee@yahoo.com  
**Contact ID:** 119-931

**Interaction History**

**E-mail received from Contact makensey cardwell on January 17 2004, 11:48 AM**

**From:** makensey cardwell  
**To:** Comments, DOT; agsec@usda.gov; Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov  
**Date:** Saturday, January 17, 2004 11:57 AM  
**Subject:** Transport of Animals on Airlines

To whom it may concern,

Congress passed a law nearly four years ago, in April 2000, requiring airlines to report incidents of loss, injury or death to animals during commercial flights -- rather than just as lost baggage -- and requiring the Dept. of Transportation (DOT) to make these reports public on a monthly basis. Yet for some reason, it has yet to come into effect.

I am writing to ask for better communications between DOT, the Department of Agriculture (USDA), and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to resolve minor details regarding the law Congress passed. It's time they finish the rule and begin reporting on animal incidents as the law demands and the public expects.

Sincerely,  
Makensey Lee Cardwell  
902 Madison Ave.  
Lima, OH 45804

[makenseylee@yahoo.com](mailto:makenseylee@yahoo.com)

I no longer use language that accepts the current concept of animals as property, commodities and/or things. Rather than refer to myself and others as "owners" of animals, I now refer to myself and others as "guardians" of our animal companions and to animals as "he" or "she" rather than "it". I urge you to

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**Interaction 158-384****Contact**

**Contact Name:** sherlock sherlock  
**E-mail Address:** sherlock1895@hotmail.com  
**Contact ID:** 119-921

**Interaction History**

**E-mail received from Contact sherlock sherlock on January 17 2004, 11:13 AM**

**From:** sherlock sherlock  
**To:** Comments, DOT  
**Date:** Saturday, January 17, 2004 11:22 AM  
**Subject:** animal deaths on airlines

The Honorable Norman Mineta  
Secretary of Transportation

Sir:

You know that we know that you are not doing anything with the law about reporting animal deaths on commercial airline flights passed in 2000 simply to appease Big Business.

Please explain to me why you and the DOT are not answerable to a law passed by Congress.

Dr G Campbell

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**Interaction 158-375****Contact**

**Contact Name:** Chantal Buslot  
**E-mail Address:** chantal.buslot@yucom.be  
**Contact ID:** 050-419

**Interaction History****E-mail received from Contact Chantal Buslot on January 17 2004, 10:43 AM**

**From:** Chantal Buslot  
**To:** Comments, DOT; agsec@usda.gov; Animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov  
**Date:** Saturday, January 17, 2004 10:52 AM  
**Subject:** ANIMAL INCIDENTS ON AIRLINES STILL NOT BEING REPORTED

Dear Secretary and Director,

Congress passed a law in April 2000 requiring airlines to report incidents of loss, injury or death to animals during commercial flights -- rather than just as lost baggage -- and requiring the Dept. of Transportation (DOT) to make these reports public on a monthly basis. After publishing a draft and receiving thousands of letters from the public, DOT issued its "final" rule in August to implement this reporting requirement. Although DOT unfortunately decided on a narrow definition of "animal" (only covering companion animals), these reports will allow people to better gauge an airline's track record before deciding whether to fly their companion animals in cargo holds and make airlines more careful.

Nearly four years after the bill passed Congress, the final rule has not yet taken effects. Therefore I urge you to wrap up the process immediately so that airlines are more accountable for the treatment of animals in their care.

Sincerely yours,

Chantal Buslot  
Belgium

**Assigned to (None) by System on January 17 2004, 10:43 AM**



**Interaction 158-374****Contact**

**Contact Name:** Ned Waller  
**E-mail Address:** ewaller@adelphia.net  
**Contact ID:** 119-914

**Interaction History****E-mail received from Contact Ned Waller on January 17 2004, 10:43 AM**

**From:** Ned Waller  
**To:** Comments, DOT  
**Date:** Saturday, January 17, 2004 10:50 AM  
**Cc:** agsec@usda.gov; animal.transport.rule@omb.eop.gov  
**Subject:** Airline reporting

Four years ago Congress passed a law requiring airlines to report on any injury to animals which they transport. A pet is like a member of the family, and this information is extremely important to pet owners.

May I urge you to move quickly with the other agencies involved to finish the details so that the DOT can put this law into effect without further delay!

Ned Waller  
Danville, VA

**Assigned to (None) by System on January 17 2004, 10:43 AM****Auto acknowledgement sent on January 17 2004, 10:43 AM**

**From:** DotComments  
**To:** Ned Waller  
**Date:** Saturday, January 17, 2004 10:43 AM  
**Subject:** {BTSTL# 158-374}Airline reporting

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## Interaction 160-783

### Contact

<b>Contact Name:</b>	Marianne Breeding
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<b>Contact ID:</b>	121-556

### Interaction History

**E-mail received from Contact Marianne Breeding on January 26 2004, 01:00 PM**

**From:** Marianne Breeding  
**To:** Comments, DOT  
**Date:** Monday, January 26, 2004 01:04 PM  
**Subject:** Animal Incidents On Airlines

To whom it may concern,

I will be relocating from Connecticut to California in the next month. My husband and I have decided to travel by automobile because we have two dogs. Traveling by air was never an option because I have always been apprehensive of the conditions that animals must endure when traveling in cargo.

I recently read that the DOT passed a rule that allows pet owners to look up airline safety records. Although this is reassuring, I would still not allow our pets to travel in cargo. The fact that I would pay an airline money for our pets to experience extreme changes in temperature and/or even death is ridiculous.

The airline industry should be held accountable for the animal passengers that they transport, but more importantly that they should also research ways to prevent incidents..not just be able to write it down on a piece of paper that will be overlooked.

Regards,  
Marianne Breeding  
New Haven, CT